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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	<p>Shipper must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport.</li> <li>• Non-Immigrant or Residence Visa valid for one year.</li> <li>• Work Permit valid for one year, if available.</li> </ul> <p>Origin agent must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two legible copies of packing inventory.</li> <li>• Original copy of OBL or airway bill.</li> <li>• Shipments must be marked on the OBL and airway bills as "Used Personal Effects" only.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duty free entry for used personal effects and household goods but only on 1 (one) shipment by air AND 1 (one) shipment by sea only.</li> <li>• Household effects under 6 months in age are subject to duties.</li> <li>• Although the shipper may import more than one shipment, he remains subject to full import duties on the second shipment. We recommend consolidation of shipments prior to their arrival in Thailand.</li> <li>• Personal and household effects must be imported not earlier than one month prior to arrival and not later than six months after the arrival of the importer, but the Director General of Customs is empowered to extend the said period in such exceptional circumstances, as he deems necessary.</li> <li>• Shipment has to be consigned to full name of shipper c/o removal company's address.</li> <li>• Shipper does not have to be present at customs BUT his actual passport has to be presented to customs.</li> </ul>	<p>Duty free entry available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returning Thai resident who has lived abroad for more than 12 months.</li> <li>• Non-Thai, holder of Thai Residence Visa for at least one year.</li> <li>• Persons possessing a one-year non-immigrant visa with a valid work permit at the time shipment are imported.</li> </ul> <p>All other categories are subject to high taxes. Extraordinary fees are much higher when shipments arrive loose-packed in steamship containers.</p> <p>A VAT of 7% applies to all invoices issued in Thailand.</p> <p>Customs clearance takes three to five working days.</p>
Diplomats' removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A set of packing lists.</li> <li>• Bill of Lading or A.W.B. to be received by agent two weeks prior to arrival of goods.</li> </ul>	Diplomatic shipments are allowed duty-free into the Kingdom.	
Wedding trousseaux		Wedding gifts will be subject to duties per the appropriate tariffs.	
Inheritance		Will be subject to duties unless Thai citizen can satisfy Government residence requirement.	
New furniture and household goods		Subject to duties, i.e. tax on wooden furniture 55% of CIF value.	
Works of art	No document required if part of household		



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Antiques	No document required if part of the household effects. It is advised to specify antiques on import documentation to prove their importation, in order to facilitate their exportation later.	Must have a picture of the items. Must appear on packing list. Some Asian antiques, especially religious artifacts require Fine Arts dept approval for export, whether imported by shipper or not.	
Precious metal objects (jewellery coins)	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Household appliances (part of removal)	No document required, if part of the household effects.	Duty free entry	Only one unit of each and being a used item.
Household appliances (imported separately)		Subject to payment of duties.	Applies also to second appliances, as well as new ones.
Electrical appliances	Same as household appliances.		
Carpets	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Sport articles	Same as above.		
Présents, souvenirs			
Motor vehicles (automobiles and motorcycles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automobile registration of the foreign country.</li> <li>• Driver's licence of the country from which the car was exported.</li> <li>• Original B/L.</li> <li>• Import permit (must be available before car is shipped to Thailand).</li> </ul> Documents issued by the immigration division, Police Department granting permission for applicant to enter and establish residence in Thailand. In the event that the applicant enters in Thailand to work for the Government or other institutions, a letter of certification from the Government Office or institution must be presented.	Automobile registration must show that the applicant has had legal possession or ownership for more than one year, from the date indicating ownership until the date when the applicant left that country. Driver's licence of the country in which the automobile was used showing that the licence was together with the automobile for more than one year.	Automobile cannot be imported unless the applicant applies for the permission and receives the permission from the Ministry of Commerce before shipping the automobile into the Kingdom. This permission is very difficult to obtain for owners with a foreign passport. Automobiles and motorcycles are dutiable items (whether new or old). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autos up to 2400 cc duty is 137% of CIF value.</li> <li>• Autos over 2400 cc duty are 210% of CIF value.</li> <li>• Motorcycles pay duty at 72% of CIF value.</li> <li>• Free duty exemptions are provided to diplomatic organisations.</li> </ul>



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Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	See automobiles / motorcycles for water vehicle.	Bicycles: subject to duty at 49.80% of CIF value. Water vehicles: are subject to duty.	
Machines, appliances, spare parts	Invoice.	Subject to duties per the appropriate tariffs.	
Wine	Import permit.	Subject to duty of 60%	Do not declare wine on packing list, but inform destination agent.
Alcohol	Same as wine but import licence needed. (Takes a long time to obtain it).	Subject to duty of 60%.	Not to be included in household shipments.
Tins	Same as wine.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
Food	Import permit required.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
Plants	Health certificate.		Prohibited: Several plants, fruits, part and product of plants from many countries. Enquire in advance with Consulate or other authority.
Arms and ammunition		Import prohibited.	Not to be included in household shipments.
Dangerous goods	Must be clearly declared.	Import generally permitted.	Seek your agent's advice before shipping.
Medicine	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Narcotics, drugs	Same as medicine if being used for medical purposes.		
Cats, dogs, other animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of vaccination (Rabies). Must not be older than 10 days at the date of arrival.</li> <li>• Health certificate from veterinarian at origin. Must not be older than 30 days at the date of arrival.</li> <li>• Copy of AWB.</li> </ul>	No quarantine.	Are subject to duties by Thai Government. Origin agent should fax their agent 10-15 days in advance the approx date of shipping pet. This fax or telex should arrive during office hours. The animal should arrive during daytime. If arrival is after 4 p.m., special Customs clearance can be arranged, provided flight details are known 48 hours in advance. It is recommended to send as excess baggage, when there might be no Customs clearance and no duty.
Pornographic literature, Short-		Prohibited from importation.	

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wave radios			
General remark			Shipper can ship household effects loose in steamship container, but then it is suggested to use 20 ft container(s) as 40 ft containers are not practical for the Bangkok roads.