

# COUNTRY GUIDE: HONG KONG

## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Copy of passport (identification pages only)
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed inventory
- Owner of the goods' full contact details in Hong Kong (address, telephone, fax number, email address, etc.)

### Specific Information

- All household goods and personal effects can be imported free of duty.

## Motor Vehicles

### Documents Required

- Original vehicle documentation
- Original purchase invoice
- Insurance certificate
- Certificate of registration (must show boat dimensions)
- Import declaration

### Specific Information

- Certificate of registration must be submitted to Marine Department for application of import permit within 24 hours from arrival of effects.
- Left-hand drive cars cannot be imported.
- All vehicles are subject to strict regulatory inspections and high first registration taxes.
- Taxes are set to discourage the personal import of vehicles; it is highly recommended that an estimate of costs before shipping a vehicle, be obtained.

- First registration fee is based on value, as follows:
- Private Cars:
  - From value HK \$0 to 150,000 : 40%
  - On the next HK \$150,000 : 75%
  - On the next HK \$200,000 : 100%
  - On the remainder : 115%
- Motorbikes:
  - 35% of value
- All vehicles must comply with the exhaust and noise emissions standard.
- Approval / exemption from the Environmental Protection Department before shipping vehicles into Hong Kong are advised.
- Vehicles must satisfy local standards.
- It is difficult to obtain insurance for vehicles older than 10 years.

## **Pets**

### **Documents Required**

- Import permit
- Health certificate from origin country

### **Specific Information**

- Quarantine is not required for dogs imported directly from the United Kingdom.

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- Plants and plant products (special license is required)
- Weapons and ammunition (special license issued by the Hong Kong Police Department is required)
- Alcohol (detailed list showing quantity and CIF value is required):
  - Duty is payable on the CIF value depending on the liquor and the alcohol strength:
    - Liquor with 30% alcohol by volume or less is duty free.
    - Liquor with more than 30% alcohol by volume measured at a temperature of 20 degrees Celsius is charged 100% duties.

- Liquor other than wine with less than 30% alcohol by volume measured at a temperature of 20 degrees Celsius is duty free
- Wine is duty free.
- Tobacco (passengers age 18 and older may bring the following limited quantities duty free):
  - Cigarettes (10)
  - Cigars (1 or 25 grams)
  - Other manufactured tobacco (25 grams)

### **Prohibited Items**

- Illegal drugs
- Firearms, explosives and ammunition (permission required)
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Controlled chemicals
- Pets and animals (permission required)
- Meat and poultry
- Rough diamonds
- Counterfeit goods
- Pornographic material