

Import Customs Regulations in Russia

- Consignee should be available at destination and have a valid Russian visa and registration (migration notification) before shipment arrives. Additional presence of the owner/shipper/receiver may be required for customs clearance, especially for air shipments.
- Diplomats and administrative-technicians directed for work in diplomatic representatives or consular establishments can import HHGs and personal vehicles duty and tax free (not more than once a year).
- From January 1, 2019 new customs regulations came into force according to Eurasian Economic Commission Council Decision No. 107, from December 20, 2017. Both Foreign and Russian citizens should pay import duties @ **30% over declared customs value but not less than 4,- € / kg**, which is applicable for any mode of transportation (sea, truck, air)

Category	Norms for goods to be delivered by a carrier/in accompanied and unaccompanied luggage	Duties rates
The goods for a private use (except for ethyl spirit, alcoholic drinks, beer, etc.) sent within a month to one addressee	customs value of which does not exceed 500 euros (by land/sea) and 1500 euros by air and gross weight of which does not exceed 25 kg (by land/sea) and 50 kg by air	30% over declared customs value, but not less than 4 € / kg regarding excess of the norm

- Import duties and taxes need to be paid **before goods release** (7 days in advance for sea and truck shipments or onsite for air shipment, depending on concrete customs office facilities).
- Origin or booking agent, employer as a legal entity can't prepay duties on transferee's behalf.
- Payment of customs payments concerning the goods for a private use can be carried out in cash for incoming airfreights at Domodedovo (DME) airport in Moscow at a cash terminal at customs and a non-cash order for incoming surface shipments. The sum can be arranged **in cash** or paid by customer through his/her personal **RU bank account in RUB**. Please consider exchange rates fluctuations, we strongly suggest to transfer a bit bigger sum that can be reimbursed by customs later.
- Foreign citizens can import personal effects according to the list below duty free but **temporarily for duration of visa** (in numbers necessary for use within the period of temporary stay).
- **With the exemption of customs payments** on certain conditions as per law: refugees, inheritance outside RU, people directed for work abroad in the foreign state by state structures (federal public authorities), Russians temporarily living abroad, in case of their staying on the consular account (HHG's customs value ≤ 5000 € only), cultural values.

Documents required for import customs clearance:

All samples and drafts of customs docs in Russian will be provided by IMS.

Customs declaration is prepared by IMS based on Harmonized System code.

Inventory (separate inventory if needed) with **100% detailed description** and quantity of each item is mandatory. **Do not send insurance inventory** with the shipment as it will be the basis for duties calculation! Please list all **electrical appliances** (phones, laptops, PC etc.) on a separate list with serial numbers.

Diplomats (2 originals of each document):

Diplomatic card (both sides on the list) with Embassy's stamp

Passport copy (photo + visa pages) with Embassy's stamp

Passport page with Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs registration stamp with Embassy's stamp

Letter from the Embassy to Russian customs with a request to clear personal effects on the Embassy's letterhead, with stamp and signature on Embassy's Letterhead

Power of Attorney from a diplomat on Embassy's Letterhead signed by client and responsible person from the Embassy

List of goods imported with customs weight and value for each position on Embassy's Letterhead with stamp and signature of person in charge

Foreigners (2 originals of each document):

- Passport (photo + visa pages) with Employer's stamp
- Moscow/Moscow region registration (migration notification) with Employer's stamp
- Letter from Client's Employer to Russian customs with a request to clear personal effects on Employer's letterhead with stamp and signature of responsible person
- Power of Attorney prepared by licensed Russian Notary + notarized copy
- **Russian INN** (Tax Identity Number) issued by Russian Tax authorities

Russians:

- Foreign passport
- Internal passport (photo page + Moscow/Moscow region registration)
- Copy of INN (unique number of tax payer)
- Power of Attorney prepared by licensed Russian Notary + notarized copy
- Original of passenger customs declaration obtained upon arrival in Russia
(mandatory for duty free import)

Artwork and Antiques

Russia has strict rules and regulations designed to protect the country's cultural and historical heritage. The existing procedure regarding artwork and cultural valuables was established by the Russian Federation Law, "Export and Import of Cultural Valuables" dated 15 April 1993.

The person must be present if importing/exporting works of art.

Paintings of any age, sculptures, furniture, instruments, coins, handmade carpets, icons, samovars, firearms, musical instruments and etc. that are older than 50 years and books older than 100 years are considered to be of cultural and historical value. Their import should be declared in writing, inspected and properly registered at customs, otherwise, client will need to get an official permission from Russian Ministry of Culture when the client decides to leave Russia in future. Non-registered items more than 100 years old will be considered as purchased in Russia and cannot be exported from Russia. **A photo of each item and a list with each item's description should be available at IMS before shipment's arrival!**

Exporting antiques (items older than 100 years) from Russia is prohibited unless the shipper has MOC (Ministry of Culture) registration at customs upon import process.

Exporting artwork is a very long process and it can take up to 6 months to obtain export permits. It can be very difficult or even impossible to export some icons – they must be physically presented to the MOC and undergo an examination as to whether they have been stolen.

Permits or permission documents granted by MOC are required for all artwork and antiques regardless of where they were purchased in Russia or imported from another country.

Export permits are required for icons, paintings, carpets, rugs, samovars, instruments and firearms etc. In addition, any item over 50 years old requires an export permit.

List of paintings and other artworks

Artist's Name	Artwork's Name	Material	Dimensions, cm	Year and Country of production

List of books

Author's Name	Title	Number of pages	Imprint year	Place of publication

Goods forbidden or restricted for import and (or) export

- Pornography and other information on the printing, audiovisual media forbidden for import
- Official and civil weapon, cold arms
- Dangerous waste, poisonous substances, ozone destroying substances
- Mineral and precious raw materials
- Narcotics, psychotropic substances and their precursors
- Tools of extraction (catch) of water biological resources
- Live animals, plants, seeds, stuffed animals and birds
- Alcohol and tobacco products, foodstuff
- Cultural values, precious stones without reference or permit from Ministry of Culture or other government agency in charge

Note: Brand new items should have no original packing and invoices with them when packed. The limit of alcohol and cigarettes for personal use is 3 liters/ 200 cigarettes/ 50 cigars for 18-year-old person.

Consignment instructions (to be confirmed):

	Diplomats	Foreigners and Russians
AIR	Consignee: Name and Last Name as per passport c/o Embassy of... Full Embassy's address in Moscow Pls. mark *DIPLOMATIC* Best airport is Domodedovo (DME)	Consignee: Name and Last Name as per passport Registration address in Russia Best airport is Domodedovo (DME) to be confirmed by a move coordinator
TRUCK	Consignee: Name and Last Name as per passport c/o Embassy of... Full Embassy's address in Moscow Pls. mark *DIPLOMATIC* Customs Terminal: Moscow Customs T/P DIPLOMATICHESKIY Code 10129030 115563 Moscow, ul. Generala Belova, 16 SVH "NORD-OST"	Consignee: Name and Last Name as per passport Registration address in Moscow Customs Terminal: Moscow Regional Customs to be confirmed by a move coordinator

Import of personal vehicles

Personal vehicles can be imported duty and tax free only by diplomats and foreigners but temporarily. The car cannot be sold!

From January 2017 all personal vehicles (except diplomatic) must be equipped with ERA-GLONASS system. Otherwise, vehicles cannot be used in Russia. This innovation is still in process of implementation, please contact our coordinators to obtain actual details.

Temporary import of a **vehicle** for private use, registered on the territory of a foreign country, to Russia by a foreign individual is carried out without payment of duties and taxes, under the condition, that the vehicle is imported temporary for the period of his stay in Russia, **maximum for one year**.

Temporary import of a vehicle belonging to Russians, but registered in territory of the foreign state, can be temporarily imported by Russian in any way for the term which **does not exceed six months**. But the importer must pay a deposit (payment of the customs duties, taxes) to Moscow customs in advance.

Standard duties rates depend on year of manufacturing, customs value and engine volume.

For example: the car, not older than 3 years with customs value 8.500-16.700 €, the rate will be charged @ 48% of value, but not less than 3,50 € per 1 cubic centimeter of engine capacity.

We need the following information from technical passport in advance:

1. Producer and model
2. Year of manufacturing
3. VIN (Vehicle Ident. №)
4. Colour
5. Vehicle type (diesel or carburetor)
6. Engine power and volume in KW/PS (1 KW = 1,36 horse power)
7. Weight of empty vehicle
8. Customs value as per German "Schwacke" value list in EUR
9. Owner's registration address
10. Vehicle registration Certificate copy

The car will be customs cleared with the **separate set of import documentation**

Vehicles for export have to be deregistered to get transit number. We are able to apply for export customs clearance after this only. For de-registration we need the followings:

- Copies of client's passport, visa, Moscow registration
- Technical card of the vehicle (original)
- Purchase invoice (showing the value of the car)
- Power of Attorney (issued by a notary office in Russia) and notarized copy
- Letter to customs from the client's company/Embassy (company in Russia)
- Temporary import obligation and documents (if the vehicle was imported earlier under temporary import)

Export duties are not charged on personal motor vehicles. The procedure for exporting cars from Russia is always changing and depends on the status of the car and the exporter.

Very important: Customs regulations can change at any time with or without any prior notice. We will do our best to update our valued customers and agents on such cases.

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