



## Import Customs Guide **SINGAPORE**

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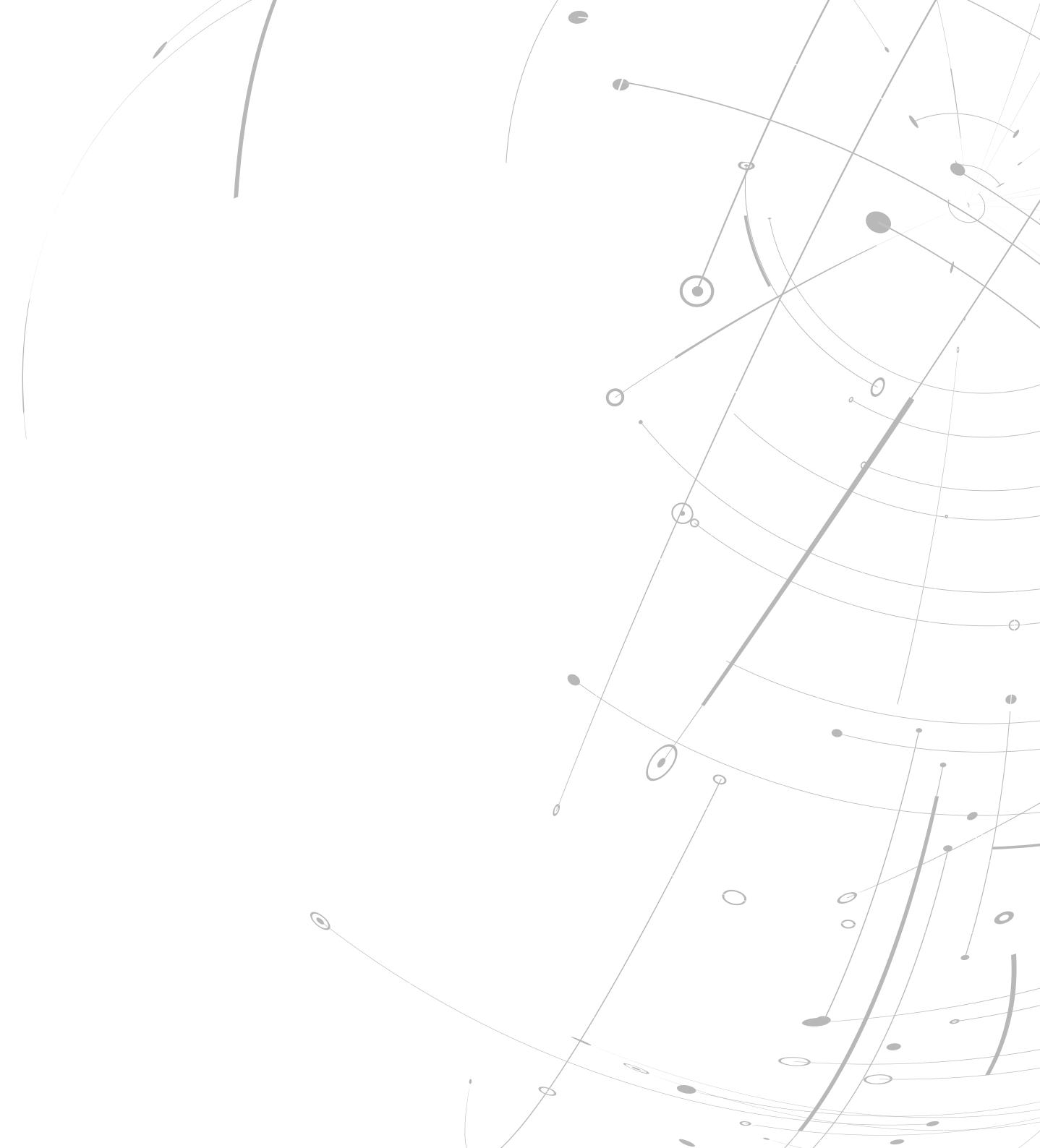


GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<b>Used household goods &amp; personal effects (non-Singaporean)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packing inventory in English.</li> <li>▪ Copy of Bill of Lading (Express release or originals) / Air waybill.</li> <li>▪ Photocopy of owner's passport (picture/detail pages).</li> <li>▪ Employments pass: (front and back page QR code must be readable)</li> <li>▪ For GST Relief entry. Not more than 6 months from date of issue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employment pass application, acknowledgement letter from Ministry of Manpower with a letter from employer OR Approved-in-Principle letter from Ministry of Manpower, will suffice if actual employment pass is not in-hand.</li> <li>▪ GST Relief must be claimed within six months of owners' official arrival in Singapore.</li> <li>▪ GST (Goods &amp; Service Tax), if applicable, is 9% of shipper's declared value of goods (used value – NOT insured value).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Owner of goods doesn't need to be in Singapore to clear goods if all paperwork completed in advance with copy of passport.</li> <li>▪ Shipments can be cleared without employment pass if owner is willing to pay GST. Shipper must declare, "used value" for GST assessment.</li> <li>▪ Normal clearance time for FCL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ sea shipments is 3 working days,</li> <li>▪ air shipments – 2 working days,</li> <li>▪ LCL shipments up to 5 working days.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Used household goods &amp; personal effects (Singapore Nationals or Permanent Resident)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> <li>▪ NRIC copy (front and back page)</li> <li>▪ Re-Entry Permit Copy (for permanent resident)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GST relief, if goods are all for personal use and owner has lived abroad for more than six months (date of leave for overseas assignment).</li> <li>▪ Proof of employment outside Singapore.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proof of employment outside Singapore may be through work or resident visa or immigration endorsements from origin country for Customs verification.</li> </ul>
<b>Diplomatic removal goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packing inventory in English.</li> <li>▪ Copy of Bill of lading (Express release or originals) / Air waybill.</li> <li>▪ Verification in writing from Embassy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Embassy's verification, with authorised signatory.</li> <li>▪ Duty exemption entry.</li> </ul>	
<b>Automobiles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Registration Certificate from origin country.</li> <li>▪ Insurance papers.</li> <li>▪ Owner's passport.</li> <li>▪ Inward declaration permit.</li> <li>▪ Customs duty payment receipt.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import is subject to securing a Certificate of Entitlement in open bidding at market rates.</li> <li>▪ Customs duty is 20% of market value.</li> <li>▪ Additional Registration fee (ARF) is 110% of the market value.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import of cars is strictly discouraged, unless for diplomatic use.</li> <li>▪ DO NOT SHIP without first sending the relevant paperwork.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of Compliance with Exhaust Emission Control Standard.</li> <li>Temporary certificate of entitlement (COE).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car over 3 years old are not allowed to be imported.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motorcycles</b> <b>(Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as for automobiles.</li> <li>Must comply with exhaust emission standard specified in the USA code of federal regulations (40 cfr 86.410-80) and prior to registration must produce certificate of compliance issued by manufacturers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customs duty is 12% of market value.</li> <li>ARF (Additional Registration Fee) is 15% of the market value.</li> <li>COE required as with automobiles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as above.</li> </ul>
<b>Firearms (including air-rifles and guns), drugs and narcotics, radio transmitters, pornography, martial art weapons of any kind</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibited.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importation of illicit drugs is subject to imprisonment and death penalty.</li> <li>Prescription drugs are permitted with doctor's certificates.</li> </ul>
<b>Swords, knives (ornamental only)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit, issued by Arms &amp; Explosive Authority.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items will be examined by authority. Owner physical address must be given.</li> </ul>
<b>Swords and large knives (ornamental – weapons appearance)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arms &amp; Explosive Authority must issue permit prior to release by Customs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misdeclaring contents to avoid licensing is forbidden.</li> </ul>
<b>Alcoholic Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be listed in import application with number of bottles, type of alcohol, per cent alcohol and volume (manufacturer name, if available).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol beverages may be imported in reasonable quantity for own consumption.</li> <li>Shipper has to declare accurately and pay customs duties and current GST (tax) before shipment clears customs.</li> <li>Duty rates are based on current estimated exchange rates and import duties. Subject to change.</li> <li>Due to the high customs duties, it is best to discourage shipper from including any liquor in the used household goods shipment. If included, it must be packed together and</li> </ul>

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			<p>declared on Alcohol list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In addition to duties and taxes being applicable to imported alcohol, there is also an 'alcohol permit fee'.</li> <li>▪ Customs use powerful X-Ray scanner able to detect liquors. If falsely declared or without declaring, shipper may be subjected to customs duties and severe heavy penalty for evading taxes. It is a serious offence in Singapore.</li> </ul>
<b>Video tapes, laser discs, video discs (visual)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Detailed listing of all titles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import is allowed but subject to screening by authorities prior to release.</li> <li>▪ Charges for screening are approximately US\$ 4.00 per hour per tape.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally, cartoons and other children's tapes are passed over from screening.</li> <li>▪ Nudity, strong language, culturally insensitive subject matter is more likely to be edited. Editing charges are additional.</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chewing gum (except approved oral dental and medicated gum by HSA)</li> <li>▪ Chewing tobacco and imitation tobacco products ( e.g. electronic cigarettes, ...)</li> <li>▪ Shisha</li> <li>▪ Cigarette lighters of pistol or revolver shape</li> <li>▪ Controlled drugs and psychotropic substances</li> <li>▪ Endangered species of wildlife and their by-products</li> <li>▪ Firecrackers</li> <li>▪ Obscene articles, publications, video tapes/discs and software</li> <li>▪ Reproduction of copyright publications, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes</li> <li>▪ Seditious and treasonable materials</li> <li>▪ It is an offence if you attempt to bring any of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You are not allowed to bring in goods that are prohibited under Singapore laws.</li> <li>▪ The list of prohibited goods includes (but not limited to) the items listed in this document.</li> <li>▪ It is an offence if you attempt to bring any of the items listed above into Singapore.</li> </ul>

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		<p>the items listed above into Singapore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ E-bike/E-scooter (except when intended to register at LTA/ONE).</li> </ul>	



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