



## Importing Personal Property into

# KAZAKHSTAN

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Import of household goods and personal effects to Kazakhstan is subject to payment of import customs duties, fees and VAT.

- Shipper must be employed by a registered company in Kazakhstan
- Temporary import is available only for foreign citizens for the duration of their work visa.
- Shipper must be present at time of customs clearance and have a valid visa.
- All import duties are based on CIF (cost, insurance and freight) value.

#### Notes:

- Temporarily imported goods are subject to a monthly charge of 3% of total amount of customs duty, VAT and fees. Temporary imports are effective until the visa expires and only recommended for expatriates intending to stay for a few months.
- Since Kazak citizens are not permitted to temporarily import household goods/personal effects, these shipments are subject to full tax and duties.
- Cost of customs declaration: US \$15.00. Cost of electronic copy of declaration: US \$65.00. Cost of each additional list of customs declaration: US \$10.00. Additional lists of declarations should be issued for each separate group of goods.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Bill of Lading/Airway Bill
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of Passport
- ✓ Copy of valid Visa
- ✓ Descriptive, valued inventory in English or Russian. Separate inventories should be issued for consumable items and household goods being temporarily imported. The consumables inventory list should clearly indicate the CIF value.
- ✓ Power of Attorney
- ✓ Confirmation of Employment in Kazakhstan

#### IMPORTING PETS

- Pets are allowed importation if all the required documentation is complete.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Vaccination Certificate
- ✓ Veterinary Certificate
- ✓ Passport of Pet

#### RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Electronic items may only be temporarily imported by expatriates, but must be exported when the expatriate leaves Kazakhstan. These items should be clearly marked on the packing list along with their serial numbers.
- Wine and spirits is restricted to 2 liters per person.

## **RESTRICTED ITEMS (CONTINUED), PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, CARPETS, PAINTINGS, ART EFFECTS AND ANTIQUES:**

### **RESTRICTED ITEMS (Continued):**

- Precious jewelry, stones, medicines and currency can only be imported as accompanied baggage and must be declared to customs authorities upon arrival and at departure.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Weapons of any kind
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic Materials
- Radioactive Materials
- Exportation of antiques, carpets, paintings, books, icons, or other items of Kazak cultural and/ or historical value.

### **IMPORTATION OF AUTOMOBILES**

- Automobiles and motorcycles may be imported duty and tax-free on a temporary basis only. There will be a customs fee of 0.2% of C.I.F. value charged on a quarterly basis and 3% of total amount of customs duty, VAT and fee each month.
- All temporarily imported autos and motorcycles must be exported at end of the work contract.
- Sales of temporarily imported autos and motorcycles are not permitted until full customs duty and VAT has been paid.
- Permanent importation of autos and motorcycles are subject to payments of taxes and duties.

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### **IMPORTATION OF CARPETS, PAINTINGS, ART EFFECTS AND ANTIQUES:**

- Temporary import allows for periodic partial payment of taxes and duties.
- Photographs should be taken of each item prior to shipment. Duplicate photos should be provided to the destination agent to obtain customs endorsement at time of inspection of the shipment.

**The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.**