



Importing Personal Property Into *Barbados*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- The goods have been owned and used by the shipper for at least 12 months.

Notes:

- Shipper must be present at the time of customs clearance.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Insurance Certificate

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- Firearms require a special Import Permit and incur high rates of duty.
- Items covered under "Barbados Miscellaneous Control Act" including motor vehicles, new furniture, etc. require Import Permits.
- Meat requires a health certificate and inspection by Port Health authorities.
- Plants require an Import License and inspection by the Ministry of External Affairs, Christ Church, Barbados.
- Jewelry, watches and clocks incur duty and tax.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- All fruits, vegetables, cuttings, seeds or unprocessed plant products are restricted and therefore must be declared to customs for inspection by a Plant Quarantine Officer. Certain fruit is prohibited to prevent the spread of diseases. Certain plants, seeds, cuttings are restricted and require an Import Permit and phytosanitary certificate. For further information, contact:
 - Plant Quarantine
Ministry of Agriculture
Graeme Hall
Christ Church
Barbados
Phone: (246) 428-4150

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Illegal drugs
- Firearms and ammunition
- Pornography

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Duty must be paid on motor vehicles and an Import Permit must be obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs, Christ Church, Barbados.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import License
- ✓ Insurance policy
- ✓ Owner's log book
- ✓ Commercial invoice

IMPORTING PETS

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Prior to departure, an Import Permit must be obtained from the Chief Veterinary Officer for importing any type of animal, reptile and/or bird.
- Dogs and cats free of any communicable disease may be imported with an Import Permit from the following countries: UK, Ireland, Jamaica, St. Kitts – Nevis, Antigua, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Cats and dogs from any other country must be quarantined in the UK for a period of 6 months.
- A Veterinary Officer must inspect the pet at the customs area.
- For additional information on importing animals, contact Veterinary Services, phone (246) 427-5073 or fax (246) 420-8444.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit

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- Barbados Tourism Encyclopedia, <http://barbados.org/relocate.htm>, 2000.
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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.