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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods - personnel of foreign representative office, joint venture, wholly owned company	<p>Import Permit ("Customs Sealed Letter") is required for customs clearance.</p> <p>Documents required for Import Permit are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Residency Card (Green Card) • Passport with Z visa • Employment Card • Company's Customs Registration Book • Representative Card (required for foreign representative office) • Company's Business License (required for Joint Venture or wholly owned company) • Application Form with client's signature and company's chop • Inventory packing list for all incoming shipments • 'Baggage Declaration Form' Two copies need to be completed identically and handed to the Customs officials to get stamped. The form returned to the shipper should be forwarded to his destination agent for clearance of his goods. <p>Note: For exit through the Green Channel, the card will simply be collected. To obtain the Baggage Declaration Form with customs chop, exit should be through the Red Channel!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Employment Card and the Chinese Residency Card are issued within approx. 3-4 weeks after arrival to China. • AFTER issuance of the Residency Card, the expatriate applies for import permit of his/her personal effects/household goods to the local customs bureau.. • ANYTHING listed and approved in the application may be imported within the next 6 months only. • All shipments are subject to inspection by local Customs. • Effective from 1st January 1995, all electrical appliances, furniture, lighting fixtures, foodstuffs, bedding, wine/alcohol included in shipments of household & personal effects will be subject to import duty. • All electrical items must be clearly indicated on the inventory with its model, serial number & size (if applicable). • All video tapes/CD's must be clearly indicated on the inventory. Such items will be subject to an estimated 2-3 weeks inspection by Customs Bureau. Any items containing pornographic and subversive material will be confiscated and a fine may be levied on the owner. • Asian/Chinese antiques must be indicated on the inventory with a separate demand to local Customs to register them for re-export. There is no guarantee that such items will be allowed out of the country. • Fax machines, photocopy machines are NOT ALLOWED in personal shipments. 	<p>This category applies to expatriates employed by and working for foreign representative office, joint venture, or wholly owned company REGISTERED in the city where they will reside in China. Also, it is assumed they will be resident in China for at least three months.</p> <p>Note that customs officers are given broad discretion, and actual procedures may vary from city to city.</p> <p>Contact your agent for current advice.</p> <p>Effective September 2001, Customs in Shanghai require an original passport to be provided during the Customs inspection for all outbound sea shipments belonging to non-Chinese residents.</p> <p>The 'Baggage Declaration Form' is required by some cities only. For more details, please check with your agents in the area.</p>




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Removal goods - Personnel from News Agency.	<p>Import Permit is required for customs clearance.</p> <p>Documents required for Import Permit is as follows :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese Residency Card (Green Card) • Passport with J visa • Journalist Card • News Agency Certificate • Customs Registration Book • Customs Application Form with client's signature and News Agency chop • Inventory packing list for all incoming shipments 	Customs regulation is same as foreign enterprise expatriate.	
Removal goods - Returning Chinese	No need to apply for Import Permit. Use original Chinese passport to clear customs.	Customs regulation is same as foreign enterprise.	In some cities there is a weight allowance limitation on returning Chinese's household goods importation. Please check with your destination agent for further information.
Removal goods - Diplomatic personnel	<p>Import Permit is required for customs clearance.</p> <p>Documents required for Import Permit is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomatic Card • Passport • Original AWB/or OBL with embassy's chop • Shipment arrival notice from local shipping agent (refer to sea shipment) • Inventory packing list with embassy's chop • Application form with authorised signature from Embassy and embassy's chop. • I/P has to be applied by Embassy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No customs inspection on diplomatic shipment. • No duty on diplomatic shipment. 	



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Office items.	Import Permit is required for customs clearance. Documents required for Import Permit is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory packing list • Pro-forma invoice • Original AWB/OBL • Company's Business License • Company's Customs Registration book • Application form with company's chop • Importing items list approved by customs (applicable to J-V or wholly owned company) 	Office items are subject to be inspected and dutiable.	
Cars and Mini-vans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import Permit is required for customs clearance. • Documents required for Import Permit are the same as household goods. 	Import restrictions are governed at the local level. Import duty and taxes are applicable and duty free for diplomats.	Contact your agent for specific advice and information.
Food.	Same procedures as for household goods.	Non-perishable food can be imported in reasonable quantity.	
Firearms, ammunition, drugs, pornographic and politically subversive material.		Import strictly forbidden.	
Pets	Documents required are the same as household goods if the pets coming to China by cargo.	Import restrictions are governed at the local level.	Check with your destination agent for specific advice and information.
Computers			PC's with encryption capabilities require approval of software prior to importation. Import of normal PC's and laptops with simple password software for e-mail, windows, Microsoft outlook, etc. as part of a HHG shipment would however not be a problem. Please contact your agent for more details.

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<p>Fumigation of imported wood packaging material</p>		<p>Effective January 2006, The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People China requires that wooden packaging material imported into China be either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide and properly marked .</p> <p>The new measure follows ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.</p> <p>The wood packing material must be marked in a visible location on each article, on at least two opposite sides of the article with a legible and permanent mark in black ink. Labels and adhesives are not allowed. The mark should be as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="1048 935 1547 1126" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>XX - 000</p> <p>YY</p> </div> </div> <p>Where XX is the country code, 000 the producer number, YY the treatment type, and AAA the inspection agency logo.</p>	<p><u>WPM exempt from this regulation includes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manufactured wood materials such as plywood, particleboard, oriented strand board and fibreboard. 2. WPM consisting entirely of wood pieces less than 6mm thick in all and any dimensions, including sawdust, wood-wool and paring etc... <p>If you have questions, please contact agents in China or consult the ISPM publication 15 at:</p> <p>https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND0zNTlyNSZidG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M~</p>



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Dutiable Items		Starting from Jan. 1, 07, shipper needs to pay 30% of customs duty on his golf clubs if he/she importing golf clubs in his or her household goods shipment to China. Estimated customs duty amount is USD230/set	