

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>AS from August 2008: WORK PERMITS REQUIRED TO IMPORT PERSONAL EFFECTS SHIPMENTS ARRIVING IN HO CHI MINH CITY</p>			
<p>Work permits are now strictly required to import personal effects shipments that arrive in Ho Chi Minh City; this new regulation currently does not affect Hanoi. More often than not, the shipper will not have a work permit. Work permits normally take approximately 6-12 weeks to process. The shipper can assist in obtaining the work permit.</p> <p>If the shipper handles the work permit application or if it is already in process, he will be able to import personal effects without requiring the work permit in advance, only if the shipment arrives at POE Newport (aka Tan Cang). All other ports, including Cat Lai, VICT, effective immediately, strictly require that the consignee obtain a work permit before the shipment can be cleared.</p>			
<p>Household goods and personal effects</p>	<p>Origin agent must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin Bill of lading. • A legible inventory (in English). • Client's contact address in Vietnam. <p>Shipper must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport & Visa. • Copy office license in Vietnam. • His/her registration in company or Labour Contract. • Original Customs declaration form on arrival (Yellow form). • Letter to Customs Department and Letter of Authorization with company stamp, which enable the agent to handle Customs on behalf of the consignee. 	<p>All shipments are subject to 100% inspection and to import duty, even for temporarily imports. Duty is based on the tariff of the value from Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>Shipper has USD 300.00 duty free on the total value of the personal effects. Only when the shipment was on board before the arrival of the shipper. At arrival, shipper has to declare in the yellow form that there is one shipment unaccompanied by sea/air.</p> <p>Books, CD's, audiotapes, computer disks, and antiques have to be censored by the Ministry of Culture prior to release.</p> <p>Colour printers and colour copiers will be inspected by the Department of Communication and a separate licence will be issued for registration of installation.</p>	<p>For clearance, allow 2 days for air-shipments and 1 week for sea-shipments (assuming the shipper provides all relevant documents).</p> <p>Shipper must specify on the Yellow form the unaccompanied luggage that is coming after the clearance of shipment(s) and which mode of transport will be used.</p> <p>Each family is allowed to bring in one set of electrical item.</p> <p>Canned food is limited to the members of the client's family.</p>
<p>Diplomatic removals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomat certification/Card. • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>Duty-free entrance excludes liquor.</p> <p>Diplomats may import only a new car, duty free based on allocated import quota.</p> <p>For imports through Hochiminh City, electrical</p>	<p>For clearance, allow 1 week.</p>

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		appliances and cars, are also excluded from Duty-free entrance.	
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing list. • Commercial invoice. • Chassis/engine number. • Company registration in Vietnam. • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>Only head of diplomatic mission or Ambassador may import used cars.</p> <p>Import of used car is forbidden. Only new cars left hand drive with less than 100 km are allowed.</p> <p>Duty on brand new car of 4 seats is currently 250%.</p> <p>Less for trucks - depending on size.</p>	For clearance, allow 1 week.
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory with exact number, size of bottles and strength of liquor. • AWB or B/L with consignee mentioned in name & address of shipper's company in Vietnam. • Letter applying for the importation with shipper's company stamp. • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>For imports through Hochiminh City, may be approved for reasonable amount (from 10-20 bottles).</p> <p>Import tax is from 125% to 150%.</p> <p>Each family is allowed to import one (1) bottle of spirit duty free. Over due will be taxed.</p>	For clearance, allow 3 days for air-shipments, 10 days for sea-shipments.
Domestic pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWB at least 2 days prior to arrival. • Valid Health Certificate with vaccination history. • Certificate of origin. • Confirmation of vaccination. • Sanitary certificate from the Veterinary Diagnostics & Inspection Centre. 		Clearance should be same day as arrival.
Firearms and weapons	FORBIDDEN		