



APML

Import Customs Guide



Malaysia

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APML's Malaysia Customs Guide is your reliable companion for understanding and navigating customs regulations in Malaysia. At APML, we are dedicated to ensuring a smooth and hassle-free relocation experience. This guide has been thoughtfully curated to help you prepare for the customs clearance process, ensuring compliance with local regulations and avoiding unnecessary delays or complications.

Whether you are moving personal belongings, commercial goods, vehicles, or pets, this guide provides detailed information on required documentation, customs prescriptions, and essential guidelines for a seamless import process. With APML's expertise and personalized assistance, you can trust that your goods will be handled with the utmost care and professionalism.

Let APML simplify your relocation journey by making customs procedures clear and manageable. Together, we'll make your move to Malaysia stress-free and efficient.

Used household goods

Documents Required

- Copy of Airway Bill
- OBL (express release preferred)
- Copy of packing list
- Passport copy of the shipper with a photograph
- Copy of work permit and/or letter of employment confirming employment in Malaysia
- Identity card (IC) front and back for returning Malaysians
- Copy of work permit or letter of employment from the origin country for returning Malaysians

Custom Prescriptions

- Duty-free for used personal and household goods, provided the shipper is the owner of the goods and they have been in the owner's use and possession for no less than six months.
- A 6% service tax is applicable to logistics services in Malaysia, effective April 1, 2024.

Advisory

- All personal and household effects may be subject to 100% customs examination.
- The customer need not be present when goods arrive.

Used Personal and Household Goods – Diplomats/Embassy

Documents Required

- Malaysian Customs Form No. 1 (8 copies)
- Letter of authority
- OBL
- Packing list

Custom Prescriptions

- Duty-free entry is applicable.

Advisory

- Only authorized embassy personnel can sign documents.
- Documents must be endorsed by the embassy and approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Clearance can take 2-3 weeks.

New Furniture, Personal and Household Goods

Document Required

- Original invoice with value stated
- Malaysian Customs Form No. 1
- Letter of authority
- OBL

Custom Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty.

Advisory

- Inform the destination agent if items are new to avoid delays.

Antiques

Advisory

- Import permit from the National Museum (applied by the owner).

Precious Metal Objects

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty.

Advisory

- The type of objects must be specified.

Presents and Souvenirs

Custom Prescriptions

- Subject to customs duty at the discretion of customs authorities.

Advisory

- Inform the destination agent about these items to avoid delays.

Motorcars, Motorcycles, and Vehicles

Document Required

- Original registration card/certificate
- Original insurance certificate
- Original invoice for new vehicles
- Original import permit
- Original B/L

Custom Prescriptions

- Import duties and taxes range from 150% to 300% depending on the engine capacity (cc).

Advisory

- The owner must obtain an import permit from the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade before vehicle importation.

Machines, Appliances, and Equipment

Document Required

- Original invoice for items less than six months old
- Malaysian Customs Form No. 1
- Letter of authority
- OBL

Custom Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty.

Advisory

- The type of machine/appliance and equipment must be specified as an import permit may be required. Malaysia uses 220-240 volts electricity.

Telecommunications Equipment

Document Required

- Import permit from Telecom Malaysia, including details such as model/type, serial number, country of origin, and reason for importation.

Custom Prescriptions

- Includes fax machines, cordless phones, cellular phones, modems, and answering machines.

Advisory

- Apply for permits before importation to avoid delays.

Alcohol

Custom Prescriptions

- Duties and taxes range from 150% to 250%, or approximately USD 30–50 per liter, depending on alcohol content.

Advisory

- There is no tax-free allowance for unaccompanied alcohol shipments. Detailed inventories must be submitted, but approval is not guaranteed. Shippers are strongly advised not to include alcohol in shipments.

Firearms, Dangerous Weapons, and Explosives

Custom Prescriptions

- Importation is prohibited unless special authorization is obtained.

Advisory

- Illegal possession of firearms carries a mandatory death sentence.

Plants

Document Required

- Airway Bill
- Original import permit
- Original health certificate

Custom Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty.

Advisory

- Approval from the Ministry of Agriculture is required. Plants must be sent as a separate shipment.

Pets

Document Required

- Health or veterinarian certificate
- Details for import permit application, including breed, age, sex, and color.

Custom Prescriptions

- Certain breeds are prohibited or require special permits.

Advisory

- Pets are subject to a 7-day quarantine upon arrival. Advance planning is required to book quarantine space.

Video Tapes and Cds

Documents Required

- Titles, storylines, duration, actor names, and genre.

Custom Prescriptions

- Subject to censorship by the Government Film Censor Board.

Advisory

- Approval may take 2-3 weeks, with no guarantee of return for prohibited content.

Prohibited Importation

Custom Prescriptions

- Includes narcotics, goods of Israeli origin, obscene materials, and weapons like daggers and flick-knives.

Advisory

- Possession of drugs carries a mandatory death sentence.

Solid Wood Packing Material

Custom Prescriptions

- Must comply with ISPM No. 15 standards and be treated by accredited companies.

Advisory

- Wood packaging must be marked permanently and certified as treated. Stickers are not allowed.

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