



INDIA

IMPORT REGULATIONS

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TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE TO INDIA

CUSTOMS DUTIES AND REGULATIONS IN INDIA

Former Indian citizens presently settled abroad, who are contemplating a return to India for settlement, have an option of using the transfer of residency rules that offer those returning after extended stays to benefit from relaxed rules regarding import of their personal belongings.

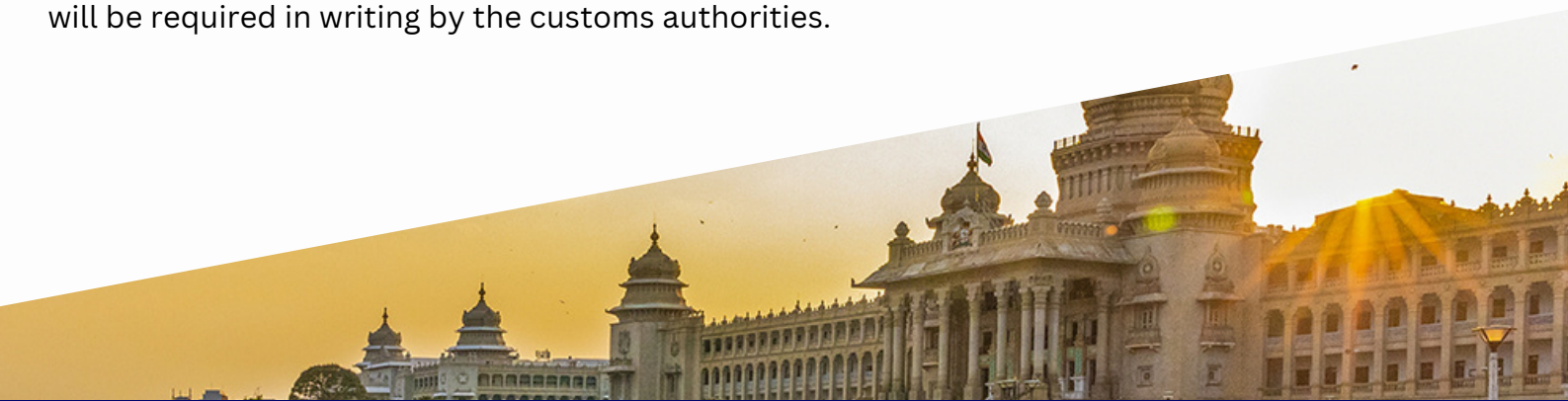
TRANSFER OF RESIDENCY

CUSTOMS DUTY

NRI /Indian Citizen who are returning to India for an extended period, should consider using transfer of residency, so that they can take advantage of relaxed customs duties. Transfer of Residence is a facility provided to persons who intend to transfer their residence to India after a stay abroad of at least two years. This facility allows the import personal and household articles, free of duty and certain other listed items, on payment of a concessional rate of duty. Those taking transfer of residence are no longer subjected to any minimum stay requirements in India.

EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED

Shortfall of up to two months in stay abroad can be condoned by Deputy Commissioner of Customs or Assistant Commissioner of Customs if the early return is on account of terminal leave or vacation being availed of by the passenger or any other special circumstances for reasons which will be required in writing by the customs authorities.





The Principal Commissioner of Customs or Commissioner of Customs may condone short visits in excess of six months in special circumstances for reasons to be recorded in writing.

LIST OF ITEMS WITH REDUCED CUSTOMS DUTY

For the following items a reduced customs duty of 38.5% is charged. It does not matter whether these items are new or old.

- Television
- Monochrome Television.
- Digital Video Disc Player.
- Video Home Theater System.
- Dish Washer. Music System.
- Air Conditioner.
- Domestic refrigerators of capacity above 300 liters or its equivalent.
- Deep Freezer. Microwave Oven.
- Video camera or the combination of any such video camera with one or more of the following goods, namely:- television Receiver; Sound recording or reproducing apparatus; Video reproducing apparatus.
- Word Processing Machine.
- Fax Machine.
- Portable Photocopying Machine.
- Vessel.Aircraft.Cinematographic films of 35 mm and above.
- Gold or silver, in any form, other than ornaments





DRONES NOT ALLOWED

Drones NOT allowed to be brought into India by passengers, Due to security concerns, India no longer allows passengers to carry Drones to India. Effective April 1, 2016. Indian Customs Declaration Forms have been revised and Drones are on the prohibited list and not duty free.

CALCULATE CUSTOMS DUTY IN INDIA

In case a person knows the rate of duty for a particular item, it's easy to calculate the duty that will be charged. However for used items the value is determined by allowing depreciation on a yearly basis. Normally depreciation would be calculated as:

- First year depreciation @ 16%².
- Second year depreciation @ 12%³.
- Third year depreciation @ 10%
- Hence, for an item that is four years old the price works out to the new item price less 38%.

FOODSTUFF IMPORTS

Foreign nationals can import foodstuff in their main household goods shipment duty free up to a limit of Rs. 50,000/=





IMPORT OF ALCOHOL, SPIRITS ETC

Import duties on alcohol, wines, spirits, etc. are very high in India (approx. 160 % + fine & penalty). Hence it is not advisable to ship wine & liquor into India. However, if it is a must to ship then please complete our Alcohol Declaration Form with details of Brand, Type of Liquor, Quantity, Alcohol Content, Purchase Price etc. It is also advisable to pack them separately and load them at the beginning of the container to enable easy retrieval for customs inspection.

IMPORT OF MOTOR CARS AND BIKES

Motor cars can be imported by paying customs duty @ 208% of the CIF value for both used and new cars. Motor Bikes can be imported by paying customs duty @ 185% of the CIF value for both used and new bikes under transfer of residence and customs may charge fine and penalty upto 100% on duty if motor bike not manufactured as per indian spec,

IMPORT OF PETS

Two pets per passenger. Veterinary certificates and other health documents are required. Please contact us for more information prior to shipping.





RESTRICTED / PROHIBITED GOODS

- Porno-graphic material
- obscene literature
- narcotics
- wildlife items like ivory, horns etc
- firearms, ammunition and other weapons.
- Should you need further information please contact us prior to shipping.

CUSTOMS EXAMINATION

Generally, all import consignments are physically inspected 100% as per Indian customs regulations.

Note: Owner's Presence in India is must and need original passport for customs clearance.

Time duration for import customs clearance in India:

- Unloading & Placement of container in Customs bonded warehouse: Day 1
- Customs Inspection and assessment of duty: Day 2
- Payment of duty/port charges and release of goods: Day 3
- Delivery in same city as POE & unpacking of goods: Day 4





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