

Afghanistan Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Tax exemption form
- Letter of request (to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Customs clearance permission)

Specific Information

- Customs clearance procedures take approximately 3 - 4 weeks provided all documents are received by agent and complete.
- Afghanistan does not require the fumigation of wood packaging materials (WPM) with ISPM15 at this time.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

• Copy of passport

• OBL / AWB

• Original commercial / purchase invoice

• Tax exemption form

• Vehicle identification number (VIN)

• Diplomatic note to Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Customs clearance process

Specific Information

- The import of motor vehicles requires prior authorization from the Ministry of Commerce in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- The VIN must be indicated on the OBL / AWB.

Pets

Documents Required

- Certification of vaccination, including rabies
- Veterinary health certificate
- Pet passport

Specific Information

- The certificate of vaccination must be issued at the point of origin and accompany the animal (dogs).
- The certification of vaccination and veterinary health certificate must be issued within 30 days of arrival to Afghanistan.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Alcohol (2 L)
- Antiques, carpets, furs and camera film (permit is required)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons of all kinds
- Alcohol and foodstuff
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Anti-Islamic materials, literature, etc.
- Electronic recordings (CDs, DVDs, audiotapes and videotapes, etc.) require Ministry of Culture approval

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Afghanistan](#)