

Brunei Darussalam Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Residence visa
- Detailed, valued inventory
- Letter of employment
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Original bill of lading (OBL) / telex release / air waybill (AWB) Diplomatic franchise (diplomats)

Specific Information

- Used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty-free. Shipment is subject to the payment of Customs duties if new items are found.
- Fumigation is not required for shipments into Brunei Darussalam.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Approval letter from Brunei Land Transport Department
- Approval from Brunei Customs
- Invoice
- Copy of owner of the goods' passport

Specific Information

- Only Bruneian / permanent residents that are working / studying abroad are allowed to import used vehicles into Brunei.
- The vehicle must be under the owner of the goods' name for at least 12 months. The vehicle must not exceed 5 years old at time of importation.
- The owner of the goods must be in Brunei at time of importation.
- Owner of the goods must notify the Brunei Customs and seek approval for duty exemption before importation.

Once approval is obtained, the owner of the goods must have an approval permit issued by Customs before time of importation.

- Duty exemption will only be given once.
- After the importation of the vehicle, the owner of the goods is not allowed to change the ownership within four years from the date of approval given. Only diplomats are exempted from this regulation prior to approvals from their local embassies.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit issued by Brunei Agriculture Department
- Export permit issued by origin country
- Invoice (for Customs purposes only)

Specific Information

- All pets are subject to quarantine.
The length of time varies and depends on the country from which the animal is imported.
- All pets are subject to approval for import from the Brunei Agriculture Department
- The import permit and documents required must be obtained prior to import.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

The following items require the permission of the Controller of Customs: Publication

- and printed materials, such as film, CD, VCD, LD, DVD, cassettes
- Satellite receiver
- Any religious publication, any written 'Quranic' verses
- Fresh, chilled, and frozen meat
- Any living plant, planting materials
- Any living animals and all parts of animals under CITES article
- Live animals, aquatic marine, breeding prawn food
- Timber and timber product
- Health food, snacks, beverages, medicines, traditional medicines, chemicals,
- and radioactive materials
- Antiques or articles of historical nature made or discovered in Brunei
- All used / reconditioned vehicles with or without engine
- Telecommunication and radio communication apparatus
- The order, insignias, medals, badges, and decoration instituted by statues of
- His Majesty The Sultan
- Ice, sugar, salt, rice paddy, and products thereof
- Mineral water and building materials
- Gases that depletes the ozone layer (ODS) used especially in servicing and
- maintaining air conditioners, refrigeration, vehicles, and fire extinguishers
- Alcoholic beverages
- Motorcars, motorcycles, lorries, omnibuses including mini buses, tractors, and trailers
- Poisons and deleterious drugs

Prohibited Items

- Dangerous drugs
- Fire arms, ammunitions, explosives, fireworks, any dangerous weapon, and scrap iron
- Cigarettes without health warning written on their packaging

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 Brunei Darussalam](#)