

Kosovo Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / Convention Marchandises Routiers (CMR) / air waybill (AWB)
- Packing list stating origin and creator of art items
- Detailed valued inventory stating quantity, unit value, and total value (the value should be different from the insurance value)
- Request for temporary import (issued from the employer in Kosovo) for Customs.
- Letter of employment (showing the duration of stay)
- Lease agreement / rental contract (showing address of temporary residence)
- Bank guarantee (must be equivalent to amount of total calculated Customs duties (provided by the employer)
- Copy of Kosovo ID (returning residents)
- Certificate of residence (returning residents)
- Customs export declaration (from previous export)
- Copy of United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) ID
- Work certificate made in Pristina by the diplomatic organization (diplomats)

Specific Information

- Full duties are payable on goods identified on the Customs export declaration if bought less than 6 months prior to import.
- All documents required for personal effects are necessary for the import of motor vehicles.
- The owner of the goods must be present with passport at the Customs terminal for clearance.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Original sales certificate / purchase invoice

Specific Information

- For private import, vehicles must be less than 6 years old and must belong to the owner of the goods.
- For non-diplomatic shipments, full duties are payable if the car has been bought less than 6 months prior to import.
- The following should be stated in the shipping advice: model, type, number of chassis, number of doors, year of production, fuel, cubic centimeter, engine number, color, etc.
- For companies and organizations, imported vehicles must be less than 6 years old and must belong to the owner of the goods.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

Specific Information

The veterinarian health certificate must indicate that the animals are in a healthy physical condition prior to import.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Plant and plant products (permission and phytosanitary certificate are required); the phytosanitary certificate must indicate that the plants do not have harmful organisms
- Animal and animal products (permission is required)
- The following items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200), cigarillos (100), smoking tobacco (250 g)
 - Alcoholic beverages over 22% volume (1 L)

Prohibited Items

- Illegal drugs
- Guns, ammunition and explosives
- Pornographic materials
- Counterfeit money and goods

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 Kosovo