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CUSTOMS INFORMATION FOR IMPORT OF HHGDS AND CARS TO INDIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Indian nationals, foreign nationals including those of Indian origin, *transferring their residence to India* or coming to India on employment, can import their personal effects and household goods into India free of duty subject to the following conditions.

* Owner of the goods must have lived overseas for at least 2 years and must be transferring his/her residence to India. Indian nationals must not have visited India for more than 180 days in the preceding two years.

* Foreign nationals must have a resident / business / work / entry visa.

* Goods must be shipped out within 30 days of arrival of the owner into India. Cars can be shipped with 6 months of arrival. If there is a delay then goods can be cleared only if customs condone the delay. Each case will be decided on merits.

* Owners presence is NOT required during customs clearance but owner should have arrived into India before shipment arrives else demurrage / container detention will be quite heavy.

The condition of compulsory one-year stay in India after claiming Transfer of Residence duty benefits has been removed and importers can now leave the country after claiming TR concessions.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Duty free imports: Old & used personal effects and house-hold goods such as

clothes, books, kitchenware, furniture small appliances like mixer, juicer, iron etc. are allowed to be imported free of duty if these are used by the shipper. New articles are charged duty @ 35 %

The following **major electronic appliances** (single unit of each) are allowed **free of duty** under "Transfer of Residence" 01) VCR / VCP / VTR / VCD 02) Washing Machine 03) Elec. or LPG Cooking Range 04) Personal Computer (Desktop Computer) 05) Laptop Computer (Notebook Computer) 06) Domestic Refrigerators upto 300 litres. The following **major electronic appliances** are charged duty @ 15 % of the value subject to a value limit of Rs. 500,000/- (approx. US \$ 11111) regardless of usage.

The items are 01) Television, 02) DVD Player 03) Video Home Theatre System 04) Dishwasher, 05) Music System, 06) Air conditioner, 07) Domestic Refrigerator above 300 litres, 08) Deep Freezer, 09) Microwave Oven 10) Video Camera, 11) Word Processor, 12) Fax machine, 13) Portable Photocopiers 14) Vessel 15) Aircraft 16) cinematographic films of 35 mm and above 17) Gold or Silver in any form other than ornaments

Concessional duty rate of 15 % is allowed only on the first unit. If the shipper has two or more of any appliance, or the combined value of the appliances exceeds Rs. 500,000 (US\$ 11111) duty @ 35 % will be charged on the additional units/value.

To facilitate customs clearance, we recommend all appliances be loaded in one liftvan and make, model no, serial number

and quantity be provided to us along with the inventory. A separate liftvan loading sheet will also help in the customs clearance. Import duties on alcohol & spirits, etc are very high in India (approx. 182 %) and on beer & wines (approx 150%). If shipping above items please contact us prior to shipping for necessary information.

Documents required: 1. Original bl/awb copy 2. Shippers original passport, 3. Inventory in English (legible) 4. Signed Indian customs declaration forms (will be supplied by us) 5. Diplomatic shipments require duty exemption certificates from the Govt. of India.

Shipment information: All liftvans must be stenciled with the shipper's name c/o 21st Century Relocations and address. A liftvan loading chart must be provided to avoid opening all the liftvans during customs clearance.

Removal of loaded container out of the port area is not permitted at most poe's in India. To avoid the chance of pilferage and theft, we HIGHLY RECOMMEND that the shipment be put in to liftvans and then shipped.

Dutiable imports: Indian nationals can import any personal effect or household goods to India on payment of customs duty @ 35 % of the value.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Indian or Foreign nationals transferring their residence to India are allowed to import one vehicle. Import of new car is not allowed. A car that was in the importers ownership or possession for over a year is allowed. Payment for the car must be made prior to arrival or owner in India. Shipment may be done within 6 months of arrival. *In lieu of a motor car, one motor cycle can also be imported.* Only Right Hand Drive cars are allowed.

A no sale bond for 2 years has to be filed at the time of import. Duty can now be paid in

Indian rupees and not in convertible foreign exchange.

Customs duty on new cars is approx. 100 % of the value assessed. Customs duty on old cars is approx 156%. Customs duty on new motorcycles is approx. 87 % of the value assessed. Customs duty on used motorcycles is approx 140%. Depreciation is provided for used cars and bikes as follows 1st year - 16 %, 2nd year - 12 %, 3rd year 10 %, 4th year 08 %, 5th year 08 %, 6th year - 08 %, 7th year 08 % i.e. maximum 70 %

For more details, procedures and documents required please contact us prior to shipping of the vehicle. Detailed customs info is also put up on our website at: www.21stcenturyrelocations.com

Foodstuff imports: Foreign nationals can import foodstuff in their main hhg shipment duty free up to a limit of Rs. 50,000/- (US \$ 1111)

Foreign nationals who are resident in India can import foodstuff worth Rs. 100,000 p.a. (approx. US \$ 2222). Wines, spirits, beverages, etc. are not allowed duty free under this facility.

Payment for the foodstuff must be made out of funds of the foreign national available outside India.

Restricted / prohibited goods: Narcotics, pornographic material, obscene literature, firearms, ammunition and other weapons. For more information please contact us prior to shipping these articles.

Import of Pets: Two pets per passenger (cat / dog) may be imported into India without any import license. Veterinary certificates and other health documents are required. Please contact us for more information prior to shipping.

(The above information is intended as broad guidelines only and you are advised to refer official notifications and Baggage Rules 1998 (as amended) in these regards)