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Important Note

Guide #68 Foreign Embassies / Consulates: embassypages.com/guam *(WAF-protected; accessible in browser)* **Guam's Representation Abroad:** As a US territory, Guam has no independent foreign representation. Consular services are provided through [US embassies and consulates worldwide](#).

TERRITORY NOTE: Guam is an unincorporated US territory in the Western Pacific. Shipments from the US mainland are treated as domestic movements for many purposes but still pass through Guam's Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA). Shipments from all foreign countries are subject to US federal customs regulations. Guam drives on the right, uses the US dollar, and follows US federal law, but has distinct local requirements -- particularly for biosecurity, pets, vehicles, and firearms -- that differ materially from the US mainland and Puerto Rico.

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Overview

Duty-Free Eligibility

Duty-free conditions. Goods must have been owned and used in the foreign household for at least 12 months before shipment. The owner must hold a valid long-term US visa (not a B-1/B-2 visitor's visa). Visitors may import personal effects only (clothing, toiletries, camping gear, etc.).

Documents

Required Documents

- **Copy of passport (signature and photo page; some ports require passports for all family members listed on the CF-3299)**
- **US Customs Form CF-3299 (Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles)**
- **US Customs Service Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects**
- **Detailed inventory in English, signed by the owner of the goods (do not use "packed by owner," "PBO," "miscellaneous," or "contents unknown"; PBO boxes must have descriptive item listings)**
- **Copy of visa (non-US citizens / permanent residents) or copy of permanent resident card**
- **I-94 arrival record (non-US citizens; some ports require a copy)**
- **Letter of employment**
- **Original bill of lading (OBL) or copy of telex release / air waybill (AWB)**
- **Importer Security Filing (ISF) -- must be filed before vessel sailing from the last foreign port for all ocean shipments**
- **DS-1504 form submitted to the US Department of State by the diplomat's consulate or embassy at least 10 days before shipment arrival**
- **Brokers may not clear customs on CF-3299 entries for A-1 visa diplomats**

Household Goods — Specific Information

Owner presence not required. Unlike vehicles, the owner does not need to be present for customs clearance of household goods.

90-day rule. If goods have been owned for less than 90 days, a 4% duty applies on the value of the household goods plus the cost of ocean freight for the entire shipment.

Items owned less than 12 months are dutiable. These must be listed in detail on the reverse of CF-3299 with item description, quantity, material, value in USD, and country of origin.

Physical examination fees. If CQA holds a shipment for physical examination, fees apply: USD 75 per hour for loose-loaded shipments or USD 50 per crate for liftvan-loaded shipments.

ISF filing. Must be filed before the vessel departs the last foreign port for ocean shipments. Late filing triggers US CBP penalties.

Examination costs. CBP and other government agencies may require X-ray or physical examination. Examination costs typically range from USD 200 to USD 1,700 or more for an FCL shipment and are for the importer's account.

ISPM 15. All wood packaging materials must comply with ISPM 15.

Prohibited / Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Ammunition (must not be shipped; is a hazardous good)
- Food items including dried food, spices, perishables, meats, and liquids
- Narcotics, dangerous drugs, and drug paraphernalia
- Pornographic materials
- Cuban cigars and flavored cigarettes including cloves
- Explosives including fireworks and other hazardous articles
- Blank tapes and CDs of Iranian origin
- Absinthe
- Counterfeit items or goods improperly using a federally registered trademark
- Endangered species, objects made from them, and related artifacts
- Products made from dog or cat fur

- Haitian animal hide drums
- Toxic and poisonous substances
- Rooted plants, flowers, soil, and propagation materials
- Skunks, wolves, raccoons, ferrets, and other wild mammals
- Most turtles and monkeys
- Species prohibited under CITES without valid permits

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Alcohol. Import is strongly discouraged. Reasonable personal quantities may be allowed under federal rules; amounts exceeding the exemption are assessed 4% duty on value plus ocean freight of the entire shipment. Persons 21 and older may import up to 1 gallon (3.8 litres) duty-free. Excessive quantities require a licensed alcohol importer to file a commercial entry.

Tobacco duty-free limits: cigarettes 200; cigars 50 (no more than USD 150 total including gifts); tobacco 2,000g; proportionate amounts of combinations.

Meats and meat byproducts (including bouillon soups): import permit required; inspection by Ministry of Agriculture / Public Health Services on entry.

Livestock: import permit required; animals from rabies-infected countries are quarantined for 90 days.

Medications: import is strongly discouraged. Personal-use quantities only; must be accompanied by prescription or physician's statement and be properly identified. Do not include medications in household goods -- carry them personally. Schedule I, II, and III controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act are generally prohibited. Severe penalties apply for non-compliance.

Firearms. Import is strongly discouraged. Shipments containing firearms are held in a certified CFS at USD 1.00 per cubic foot for the entire shipment. An import permit, bill of sale, and firearms registration/licence are required. A list of all firearms with serial numbers must be included. Up to four legally authorised firearms may be imported for personal use. Firearms must be positioned at the door or in crate number 1 for easy inspection access. Once inspected at the CFS, firearms must be immediately removed from the premises. Previously US-owned firearms can generally be imported with proof of US origin (pre-export registration with CBP strongly recommended). Foreign-purchased firearms typically require an ATF permit filed at least 6 weeks before arrival; the customs broker must be named on the ATF application from the outset.

Beauty and makeup products: import permit required.

Gifts: up to USD 100 permitted duty-free.

Jewelry: should not be included in household goods shipments; should accompany the owner personally on arrival.

Fish and wildlife / CITES: ivory, skins, feathers, shells, and other wildlife products require CITES permits obtained before the shipment leaves the origin country. Provide the destination agent with common name, scientific name, and country of origin for any such items.

Goods from embargoed countries: require a license from OFAC.

Gold: must be declared.

Textiles and clothing: subject to US import regulations.

Game and hunting trophies: restricted; confirm with destination agent.

Vehicles

Vehicle Documents

- **Copy of passport**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Copy of US title or registration (ownership name must match the importer's name)**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Completed EPA form 3520-1, DOT form HS-7, and CBP form 7501**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Copy of insurance card**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Vehicle condition report from origin country**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Insurance certificate**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Driver's licence**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **Letter of employment**

Vehicles previously registered in the US (returning owner):

- **All of the above plus:**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Original bill of lading or telex release**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Bill of sale / pro-forma invoice with statement of value (must include VIN, model, and year of manufacture)**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Title of ownership translated into English; or authorisation from lien holder**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **DOT form HS-7**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **EPA form 3520-1 and, if applicable, EPA form 3520-21**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Letter of compliance from manufacturer confirming vehicle meets US EPA and DOT standards**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Temporary vehicle permit (obtained from local DMV on arrival)**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **Proof of EPA/DOT conformity by one of: US title/registration; manufacturer letter of conformity; foreign military sales contract; or 25-year-old exemption documentation**

Vehicles purchased abroad (foreign origin):

- **EPA permission letter obtained prior to shipping**

Non-residents importing temporarily (tourist):

- **Bond of up to three times vehicle value may be required at some ports**

Non-residents importing temporarily (tourist):

Specific Information

Owner must be present for vehicle customs clearance and on the vehicle's arrival date if it has been owned less than 90 days. A temporary vehicle permit from a local DMV is required before clearance.

Mandatory X-ray. All vehicles imported to Guam are required to undergo an X-ray examination.

CFS inspection. Motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, ATVs, watercraft, 4-wheel vehicles, trailers, and similar items are held in a certified Container Freight Station (CFS) for inspection before release. A fee of USD 1.00 per cubic foot is assessed by the CFS terminal.

Sea cargo fee. The first 4,000 lbs of sea cargo including a vehicle is assessed as follows: USD 75 for domestic shipments; USD 125 for international shipments; USD 0.0012 per pound thereafter.

90-day duty rule. If the vehicle has been owned for less than 90 days, a 4% duty applies on the vehicle value plus the cost of ocean freight for the entire shipment.

EPA/DOT compliance. Vehicles less than 25 model years old not previously titled in the US must comply with US EPA and DOT standards. Bringing a non-compliant vehicle into compliance through an ICI shop is generally not economically worthwhile. It is strongly recommended not to import non-complying vehicles. If attempted, ship the vehicle separately from household goods to avoid holding up the entire shipment. Arrange with an ICI shop in the US before shipping.

25-year exemption. Vehicles 25 model years old or older with their original drivetrain are generally exempt from EPA/DOT requirements.

Temporary import (tourists). Non-US residents may import a vehicle for up to 12 months with an EPA permission letter. No extension permitted. The vehicle may not be sold and must be exported before the 12-month period or it is subject to seizure.

Marine engines and generators are also subject to EPA requirements; EPA form 3520-21 is normally required.

Pets

Requirements

- **Import permit from the Guam Department of Agriculture, applied for 3 to 4 months before arrival; original must travel with the pet (no photocopies); documents and fee must arrive at least 10 days before the pet's arrival**
- **ISO 11784/11785-compliant or US-standard (AVID / HomeAgain) microchip, implanted before the first rabies vaccination; microchip number must appear on all documents and the health certificate must confirm the veterinarian was able to scan the chip**
- **Two lifetime rabies vaccinations: first given after 3 months of age; second given more than 30 days after the first and current at time of entry (within 12 months if a one-year vaccine, within 36 months if a three-year vaccine)**
- **Rabies titer test administered at an approved laboratory more than 30 days after the second vaccination and within 12 months of import; results must be sent directly to Guam; do not re-vaccinate after the titer test**
- **Tick treatment within 14 days of arrival**
- **Health certificate in English, issued by a licensed veterinarian, endorsed by a government veterinarian; must include microchip number, confirmation the chip was scanned, all vaccination and titer details**

- **All of the above plus an affidavit from a government or US Army veterinarian confirming the pet has resided in those countries and has not been vaccinated with a modified live rabies vaccine in the 4 months prior to import; these pets may be exempt from all quarantine requirements after meeting shipping and examination requirements**

****From British Isles, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Hawaii (direct flights only):****

Specific Information

Critical: Guam is a rabies-free island with extremely strict biosecurity controls. The process must begin at least 120 days before the planned arrival date to avoid quarantine of up to 120 days. There is no shortcut.

120-day process. The full preparation process takes a minimum of 120 days. Pets that do not meet requirements on arrival are subject to up to 120 days of mandatory quarantine at the importer's expense. Some pets with passing titer test results may be eligible for home quarantine after 5 days of commercial quarantine.

Port of entry. Pets must enter via Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport (GUM). Advance notice to CQA is required. Importers must arrange inspection of the pet and its documentation before arrival.

Airline service limitation. Commercial airline service to Guam from the US is currently limited. Routing is often through Hawaii; pets must comply with Hawaii pet import requirements if transiting through Hawaii. Japan Airways offers service from Narita. Consult a local agent for current routing options.

Required dog vaccinations (10 days to 12 months before entry): canine distemper, canine infectious hepatitis/adenovirus-2, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvovirus, Bordetella bronchiseptica (kennel cough).

Required cat vaccinations (10 days to 12 months before entry): panleukopenia, viral rhinotracheitis, chlamydia, calicivirus.

No banned breeds. Guam does not publish a list of banned breeds; importers are responsible for their pet's behaviour.

Prohibited animals. Skunks, wolves, raccoons, ferrets, and other wild mammals are generally prohibited. Most turtles and monkeys are not permitted. CITES-protected species require additional permits.

Other animals. Birds, reptiles, amphibians, rodents, and rabbits are not subject to rabies requirements but require an import permit and health certificate. Confirm requirements with the Guam Department of Agriculture (doa.guam.gov) before shipping.

Consignment Instructions

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

Guam is served by sea through the Port of Guam in Apra Harbor and by air via Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport (GUM) in Tamuning. Virtually all household goods arrive by sea; air freight is used for urgent or small shipments.

The ISF must be filed before the vessel departs the last foreign port. Coordinate with the destination broker well in advance.

Do not use vague descriptions on any inventory item. CQA examiners will flag "miscellaneous," "PBO," or "contents unknown" and may require a full physical examination at significant cost to the importer.

All vehicles are subject to mandatory X-ray. Factor this into transit time planning. Motorcycles, ATVs, watercraft, and similar vehicles are additionally held in CFS for inspection.

Medications must not be packed in household goods -- they must accompany the owner on arrival. Jewelry should likewise travel personally, not in the shipment.

Guam's biosecurity rules for plants and soil are strict. Do not include any rooted plants, soil, or propagation material in the shipment under any circumstances.

The pet process requires a minimum 120-day lead time. Importers who have not started the process at least 4 months before the planned move date face mandatory quarantine of up to 120 days on arrival.

Cultural & Other Information

- [OpenFactBook -- Guam](#)
- [Wikipedia -- Guam](#)
- [Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency -- cqa.guam.gov](#)
- [Guam Department of Agriculture -- doa.guam.gov](#)
- [PetTravel.com -- Guam Pet Import Requirements](#)
- [embassypages.com/guam](#) *(WAF-protected; accessible in browser)*
- [IAM Baseline PDF -- Guam \(November 2016\)](#)

Guam is an island in the Western Pacific Ocean and the largest and southernmost of the Mariana Islands. The population is approximately 160,000. The capital is Hagåtña (also known as Agana).

Chamorro and English are the official languages. Guam has been a US territory since 1898 and its residents are US citizens. The island hosts major US military installations and serves as a strategic hub in the Western Pacific. The economy depends heavily on tourism (primarily from Japan and South Korea) and US military spending. Guam has its own legislature and governor but is subject to US federal law. The island is in the typhoon belt and experiences regular tropical cyclone activity.

Quick Links & Resources

- [Find Movers](#)

<https://iamovers.mobilityex.com/index.html#/search?loc=Guam&lat=13.44&lng=144.79&range=50&assocs=800&fvw=c&ctry=Guam>

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