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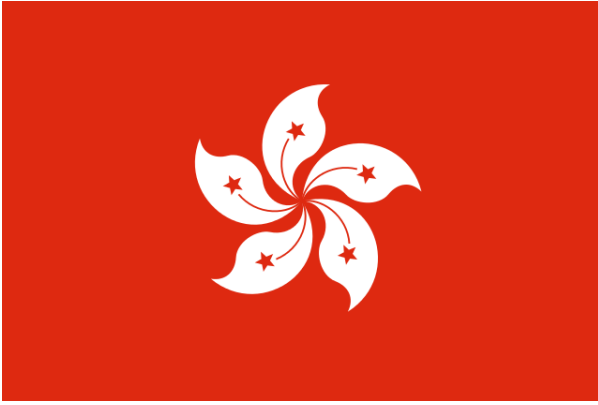
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## **Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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### **Documents Required**

- Copy of passport (identification pages only)
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed inventory
- Owner of the goods' full contact details in Hong Kong (address, telephone, fax number, email address, etc.)

### **Specific Information**

All household goods and personal effects can be imported free of duty.

## **Motor Vehicles**

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### **Documents Required**

- Original vehicle documentation
- Original purchase invoice
- Insurance certificate
- Certificate of registration (must show boat dimensions)
- Import declaration

## Specific Information

- Certificate of registration must be submitted to Marine Department for application of import permit within 24 hours from arrival of effects.
- Left-hand drive cars cannot be imported.
- All vehicles are subject to strict regulatory inspections and high first registration taxes.
- Taxes are set to discourage the personal import of vehicles; it is highly recommended that an estimate of costs before shipping a vehicle, be obtained.
- First registration fee is based on value, as follows:
  - - Private Cars:
      - From value HK \$0 to 150,000 : 40%
      - On the next HK \$150,000 : 75%
      - On the next HK \$200,000 : 100%
      - On the remainder : 115%
    - Motorbikes:  
35% of value
- All vehicles must comply with the exhaust and noise emissions standard.
- Approval / exemption from the Environmental Protection Department before shipping vehicles into Hong Kong are advised.
- Vehicles must satisfy local standards.
- It is difficult to obtain insurance for vehicles older than 10 years.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Import permit
- Health certificate from origin country

### Specific Information

Quarantine is not required for dogs imported directly from the United Kingdom.

### Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Plants and plant products (special license is required)

- Weapons and ammunition (special license issued by the Hong Kong Police Department is required)
- Alcohol (detailed list showing quantity and CIF value is required):
  - Duty is payable on the CIF value depending on the liquor and the alcohol strength:
    - Liquor with 30% alcohol by volume or less is duty free.
    - Liquor with more than 30% alcohol by volume measured at a temperature of 20 degrees Celsius is charged 100% duties.
    - Liquor other than wine with less than 30% alcohol by volume measured at a temperature of 20 degrees Celsius is duty free
    - Wine is duty free.
  - Tobacco (passengers age 18 and older may bring the following limited quantities duty free):
    - Cigarettes (10)
    - Cigars (1 or 25 grams)
    - Other manufactured tobacco (25 grams)

## Prohibited Items

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- Illegal drugs
- Firearms, explosives and ammunition (permission required)
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Controlled chemicals
- Pets and animals (permission required)
- Meat and poultry
- Rough diamonds
- Counterfeit goods
- Pornographic material

## Consignment Instructions

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**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

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Hong Kong](#)

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