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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
Moved Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of passport. • Copy of Visa. • U.S. Customs Form 3299 (Importer's Declaration). • Supplemental Declaration Form RC-159 in the case of international foreign residents who have not established a residence at time of entry. • Inventory of goods. • Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill. • U.S. Customs Service Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects. 	<p>Free from duty if moved goods consist of used household effects which have been in the owner's use and possession abroad for at least one year, and which will keep on being used by the owner in the new residence.</p> <p>Bill of Lading (including Express Bills of Lading) must include the information below for container movements to the USA via Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and date of birth of the owner of the goods. • Address, city, state at origin. • Address, city, state at destination. <p>This change came into force on the 4th of January 2002.</p>	<p>The household effects should not arrive before the owner's arrival date. US Customs will not let the goods cleared until the shipper arrival in US.</p> <p>This causes unnecessary container detention fees.</p> <p>Owner should complete the Customs form 3299 prior to shipment of his goods, indicating flight arrival date, to support their arrival date. This form should be attached to the shipping documents.</p>
Diplomatic goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for diplomatic privilege through Consulate and U.S. Department of State or • Ocean bill of Lading or Airway Bill. 	Free from duty entry - no inspection of goods.	Importer's U.S. Consulate or United Nations Mission's Office must initiate the request for free diplomatic entry.
Bridal clothes	Separate declaration on reverse side of Customs form 3299.	Subject to assessment of customs duties.	
Heirlooms/Bequest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant extract of the Will or copy of Probate from Court if deceased died interstate. • Copy of inventory. 	Liable to assessment of duty.	If goods were used by the inheritor as a child in deceased's home and are not intended for resale here, a letter of circumstances to this effect can often serve to gain duty free entry.
New furniture, household effects and memorabilia	Proof of purchase showing item, price, date and place of purchase.	If owner cannot prove that purchase was made at least one year before import, effects are subject to various duty rates.	
Antiquity, artworks	Antiquity require production of a certificate of antiquity showing approximate date of production. U.S. Customs has the right to order antiquity to U.S. Customs appraisers'	Articles must be at least 100 years old to be considered antique and admitted free from duty. Artworks are duty free if they constitute part of household moved goods, possessed by	Antiquity and artworks of art imported into the U.S. for resale are subject to different regulations.



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	stores for an independent appraisal.	owner for at least one year and are not intended for resale.	
Jewels and valued metal articles		Silverware and ornaments are duty free when imported as part of normal household goods.	Jewels must not be included with household effects but should accompany owner on arrival.
Computers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See moved goods. Specify on inventory, make, model, serial number, value, country of manufacture and where located in shipment. (ex. lift van - rear of container etc.). 	Liable to assessment of duty. US Customs will confiscate computers which are deemed counterfeit or private.	Is to be placed within shipment. so that US Customs have easy access. Remarks: applicable either when imported as part of moved goods or as personal luggage.
Automobiles including motorcycles, caravans and trailers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of ownership. Steam cleaning certificate. Copy of U.S. Title, Vehicle Registration or letter from Manufacturer's U.S. Representative stating that automobile was originally manufactured to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation standards. Automobiles 25 or more years old are exempt from Environmental protection and Agency Department of Transportation s; Standard however, proof of age, proof of ownership and copy of foreign registration are needed. 	Current rate of duty IS 2.5% of value appraised by Customs. Returned American automobiles can be admitted duty free if owner can supply copy of U.S. receipts or export Bill of Lading.	Autos not meeting U.S. emission requirements should not be considered for import as bonding cost (25 to 100% of value of auto) and conversion costs can often cost more than value of auto. Time frame in which to comply to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> safety standards: 120 days emission standards: 90 days If these time frames are not respected, car has to be exported again, could be confiscated, destroyed, and/or a fine up to US \$10.000 could be imposed. Strongly recommend contacting for safety standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Administration Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NES-32, 407th Street S.W., Washington, DC20590. Web site: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov for "gray market" cars: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/ruies/import/gray0797.html



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			Emission standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air, Noise & Radiation, Washington, DC 20460 • prior to shipment, for particular current regulations. <p>IMPORTANT Non-conforming autos must be shipped separately so that they clearance of moved goods will not be delayed.</p>
Boats	Not subject to above emission rules.	Duty free if part of household effects, owned with a minimum of one year and not for re-sale.	
Wine and liquor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive inventory. • License may be needed. 	Subject to various duty rates and taxes.	Do not recommend importing. Some states forbidden entry and Customs will confiscate.
Plants and foodstuff		<p>Plants: Not allowed Food: No meat or meat by-products.</p> <p>Any shipment arriving at any USA sea or airport since 12/12/03, any foodstuffs contained in the shipment must have been pre-cleared before commencement of the shipment.</p> <p>Shippers must present the authorities with advance notice of Human and Animal food shipments. This can be done by accessing the following website http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.htm Once all the details of a shipment are reported the FDA will provide a registration</p>	Omitting to provide the authorities with the required information may result in delays, cahrges or even seizure of the shipment by the government.



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		No. which must be stated on all Bills of Lading as well as Air Way Bills.	
Fire weapons and dangerous articles	Any fireweapons acquired abroad require approved U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) permit before importing to the U .S.	Same person can import fire weapons bought by importer in the U.S. back to the U.S. given Fire weapons were registered with U.S. Customs before being exported from the United States.	Explosives and other dangerous articles are either not allowed or needed special permits.
Pets	Proof of inoculation.	Birds and exotic pets subject to quarantine period.	
Pornographic material, unprocessed furs, skins		Importation not allowed.	Make prior telex arrangements with US agent for meeting plane on arrival, clearing, and kennel placement.
Drugs, narcotics, incitements		Importation not allowed.	