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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
Moved goods	<p>Shipper must present the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport. • Non-Immigrant or Residence Visa valid for one year. • Work Permit valid for one year, if available. <p>Origin agent must present the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two readable copies of packing inventory. • Original Ocean Bill of Lading or airway bill. • Shipments must be marked on the Ocean Bill of Lading and airway bills as "Used Personal Effects" only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty free entry for used personal effects and household effects but only on 1 (one) shipment by air and 1 (one) shipment by sea only. • Household effects under 6 months in age are liable to duties. • Although the shipper may import more than one shipment, he still liable to full import duties on the second shipment. We suggest combining of shipments before their arrival in Thailand. • Personal and household effects must be send not earlier than one month prior to arrival and not later than six months after the arrival of the shipper, but the Director General of Customs is empowered to extend the said time in such exceptional situations, as he consider necessary. • Shipment has to be consigned to full name of shipper c/o moved goods company's address. • Shipper is not need to be present at customs but his actual passport has to be presented to customs. 	<p>Duty free entry available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Thailand resident who has lived abroad for more than 12 months. • Non-Thailand resident, holder of Thai Residence Visa for not less than a year. • Persons holding a one -year non-immigrant visa with a valid work license at the time shipment are imported. <p>All other categories are expose to high taxes. Extraordinary charges are much higher when shipments arrive loose-packed in steamship containers.</p> <p>A VAT of 7% applies to all receipts issued in Thailand.</p> <p>Customs clearance takes three to five working days.</p>
Diplomatic goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of packing lists. • Bill of Lading or Airway Bill to be received by agent two weeks before the arrival of goods. 	Diplomatic shipments are permitted duty-free into the Kingdom.	
Bridal Clothes		Wedding gifts will be liable to duties per the proper tariffs.	
Heirlooms / Bequest		Will be liable to duties unless Thai citizen can fulfill the Government residence requirement.	
Household effects and new furniture		Subject to duties, i.e. tax on wooden furniture 55% of CIF value.	
Artworks	No document required if part of household effects		

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Antiquity	No document required if part of the household effects. It is advisable to specify antiquity on import documentation to prove their importation, in order to facilitate their exportation later.	Must have a photo of the items. Must exist on the packing list. Some Asian antiquity, especially religious artifacts require Fine Arts department approval for export, whether imported by shipper or not.	
Valued metal articles (jewels, money)	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Household appliances (part of moved goods)	No document required if part of the household effects.	Duty free entry	Only one unit of each and must be a used item.
Household devices (imported separately)		Subject to payment of duties.	Applicable also to second used appliances, as well as brand new items.
Electrical devices	Same as household devices.		
Rugs	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Sport articles	See Rugs.		
Gifts, memorabilia			
Motor vehicles (automobiles and motorcycles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automobile registration of the foreign country. • Driver's license of the country from which the car was exported. • Original Bill of Lading. • Import license (must be available before car is shipped to Thailand). <p>Documents given by the immigration division, Police Department granting permission for applicant to enter and establish residence in Thailand.</p> <p>In the event that the applicant enters in Thailand intending to work for the Government or other institutions, a certification letter from the Government Office or institution must be presented.</p>	<p>Automobile registration must prove that the applicant has had legal possession or ownership for more than one year, from the date indicating ownership until the date when the applicant left that country.</p> <p>Driver's license of the country in which the automobile was used proving that the license was together with the automobile for more than one year.</p>	<p>Automobile cannot be imported unless the applicant applies for the permission and receives the permission from the Ministry of Commerce before shipping the automobile into the country.</p> <p>This consent is very difficult to gain for owners with a foreign passport.</p> <p>Automobiles and motorcycles are Items subject to duties (whether new or old).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automobiles up to 2400 cc duty is 137% of CIF value. • Automobiles over 2400 cc duty are 210% of CIF value. • Motorcycles pay duty at 72% of CIF value. • Free duty exemptions are given to diplomatic organizations.

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More vehicles (watercraft, bikes)	For watercraft: See motor vehicles / automobiles	Bikes: pay duty at 49.80% of CIF value. Watercraft: are subject to duty.	
Mechanical devices, spare pieces	Proof of purchase.	Liable to duties per the appropriate tariffs.	
Wine	Import permit.	Subject to duty of 60%	Do not declare wine on packing list, but inform destination agent.
Liquor	Same as wine but import license needed. (Takes a long time to obtain it).	Expose to duty of 60%.	Not to be included in household effects shipments.
Canned Food	See Wine.	Subject to duty of 72%.	
Foodstuff	Import permit is required.	Liable to duty of 72%.	
Plants	Health certificate.		Not allowed: Several plants, fruits, part and product of plants from many countries. Inquire in advance with Consulate or other authority.
Weapons and munitions		Import not allowed.	Not to be included in household shipments.
Dangerous articles	Must be clearly declared.	Import generally permitted.	Consult your agent before shipping.
Medication	No document required if part of the household effects.		
Drugs, narcotics	Same as medication if being used for medical purposes.		
Dogs, cats and other pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of rabies vaccination. Must not be older than 10 days at the date of arrival. • Health certificate from veterinarian at origin. Must not be older than 30 days at the date of arrival. • Copy of Airway Bill. 	No quarantine.	<p>Are liable to duties by Thailand Government. Origin agent should fax their agent 10-15 days in advance the approximate date of shipping pet. This fax or telex should arrive during office hours.</p> <p>The animal must arrive during daytime. If arrival is after 4 p.m., special Customs clearance can be arranged, given that flight details are known 48 hours in advance. It is suggested to send as excess baggage, when there might be no Customs clearance and no duty.</p>
Pornographic literature,		Importation not allowed.	

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General remark			Shipper can ship household effects loose in steamship container, but then it is recommended to use 20 ft container(s) as 40 ft containers are not practical for the Bangkok roads.