



## CUSTOMS INFORMATION



## MALAYSIA

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Passport (copy of photograph page, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd pages and stamped by immigration - date of entry)
- Work Permit
- Visa for Employment and Residence
- Customs Form No. 1 (eight copies) signed by customer
- Letter from employer in Malaysia stating reason for import, job function and approximate duration of stay
- Inventory (original or a copy ) must correspond EXACTLY to contents of shipment
- Separate list of electrical items, appliances and new items. (Not to be omitted from the inventory. Please clearly state the brand, model, country of origin, voltage and price.)
- Letter of Authorization to Destination Agent, signed by customer, to clear shipment

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- **CUSTOMER MUST BE IN THE COUNTRY AT TIME OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS**
- All shipments subject to 100% Customs examination
- Used household goods duty-free if:
  - Customer has owned goods for a minimum of three months and will not dispose of them for at least six months
  - Customer is a foreigner holding a Work Permit or
  - Customer is a Malaysian who has been out of the country for a continuous period over 12 months

### DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- All items less than six months old are taxed and dutiable (original invoices with value are required)
- Video cassettes and films
  - Subject to review by the Film Censorship Board
  - Additional charges are for the customer's account
- Precious metal objects
- Plants require Phytosanitary Certificate and approval from the Ministry of Agriculture
- Computers are tax free, limited to no more than three imported per family, cannot be sold within one year of import, and require an Import License
- Alcohol and cigarettes are subject to high import duties

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, dangerous weapons, fireworks, explosives, ammunition and knives
- Narcotics and drugs (violators subject to Death Penalty)
- Foodstuffs
- Pornographic or politically sensitive material (in the form of books, videos, films, etc.)
- Gold bullion
- Telephone and fax equipment (permit required)
- Short wave radios
- Satellite dish
- Nothing from Israel is allowed into Malaysia
- Any literature on communism is prohibited

## MOTOR VEHICLES

- Import highly discouraged
- All motor vehicles (new or used) are subject to Customs duties, are highly taxed and require an Import Permit
- The permit must be granted before the vehicle is shipped
- Motor vehicles over five years old are prohibited
- Documents required:
  - Original ownership certificate or Registration Card
  - Customs Form No. 1 (eight copies)
  - Insurance Policy
  - Copy of passport of owner
  - Letter from owner stating reason to import vehicles
  - Invoice, if vehicle is new

## PETS

- Dogs/cats/birds are permitted and require an Import Permit (prior to the animal's arrival)
  - Health Certificate (issued within seven days of flight, and must state that animal comes from a rabies free area)
  - Vaccination Certificate required (must show proof that vaccination was administered between 30 to 180 days prior to the flight)
    - Must note breed, age, color, name of pet and owner and flight details
  - One month quarantine (minimum one week advance notice required for kennel/quarantine space)
    - After two weeks animal may be released to spend the remainder of the quarantine time at home in quarantine
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