

## CANADA CUSTOMS



### IMPORTING YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### IMPORTANT NOTE

**CARS** require proof of ownership and previous registration, insurance documents to be presented at time of clearing.

Does your car comply to Canadian Standards? (Please refer to "Importing Vehicles into Canada").

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** Before Customs clearing formalities, an import declaration must be obtained from the local Provincial Liquor Control Board, (duties are payable).

**FOOD PRODUCTS AND CARS** are inspected by the Dept. of Agriculture Canada before Customs clearing.

**FIREARMS** Canada has strict import regulations (new law effective Dec.'98). All Firearms coming into Canada are taken for detailed inspection, and could be refused entry. Detailed list (serial no. – type/calibre model – brand) must be presented before clearance. Do not ship firearms – check with Canadian Authorities first. When shipping firearms load them last in the container, and/or advise their location in the lift van. Remove firing pins before shipping.

**HUNTING TROPHIES** (Endangered Species) restriction to import apply.. Subject to inspection before Custom Clearance.

**Upon arrival into Canada as immigrant/returning Canadian or with a temporary VISA each Person must report to Canada Immigration when there are goods to follow and obtain the B4E declaration form.**

**All shipments entering Canada are subject to an inspection.**

#### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR CUSTOMS

##### LANDED IMMIGRANT (SETTLERS) REQUIREMENTS

1. Passport including the immigration identification validated upon arrival to Canada.
2. Your "Goods to Follow List" for all shipments, including values (English/French) – detailed inventories.
3. Advice notice obtained from the moving company
4. All documentation proving ownership, possession and use.
5. All receipts for new items being imported.
6. Previous airport or US/Canada border declaration papers (see note – bottom of this page).
7. Liquor import declaration (if applicable).

### **RETURNING CANADIANS**

1. Passport.
2. Proof of residency & duration outside Canada (Foreign work permit / letter from employer / statement from Canadian Consulate at origin /rent receipts /foreign drivers licence /etc.)
3. Complete list of all items being imported (English/French) – detailed inventories.
4. Receipts of items purchased outside Canada (proof of ownership of minimum 6 months is required). Any one-individual-item with value of less than \$10, 000 Cdn is entitled to be imported duty free.
5. Liquor import declaration (if applicable).
6. List of items with a value over \$ 10,000 Cdn (including vehicles).
7. Previous airport or US/Canada border declaration papers (see note – bottom of this page).

### **WORK VISA/STUDENT VISA/VISITOR VISA REQUIREMENTS**

1. Passport including a valid Visa issued by Canada Employment & Immigration.
2. Advice Notice, obtained from the moving Company
3. A complete list of all items being imported for your personal use while you remain in Canada (English/French) – detailed inventories.
4. All documentation proving ownership, possession and use.
5. All receipts for new items being imported.
6. Previous airport or US/Canada border declaration papers (see note – bottom of this page).
7. Liquor import declaration (if applicable).

- Note:**
1. All items imported must be for your personal use during your stay.
  2. All goods must be exported when you leave Canada.
  3. The goods may not be disposed of in Canada without Customs Authorization.

### **SEASONAL RESIDENT IN CANADA**

Any person who is not a resident of Canada but owns a residential property or has leased residence for at least 3 years for his/her personal use. Proof of purchase / copy of lease agreement is required.

1. Passport
2. A detailed list of all items being imported in English. Import of used household & personal effects is duty free on a ONE time entry basis only and the goods cannot be sold for at least 1 year.

### **INHERITANCE OR GIFTS IN ANTICIPATION OF DEATH REQUIREMENTS**

1. Personal identification
2. A detailed list of all items (English/French)
3. Advice notice, obtained from the moving company
4. A copy of the Death Certificate, a copy of the will or a letter from the Executor of the Estate stating you are a beneficiary.
5. A signed statement from the donor giving reason for the gift or a statement from the Executor of the Estate. (Gifts could be subject to import duties and taxes).

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