

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**USEFUL INFORMATION & CUSTOMS REGULATIONS**



**Documents required for import and export of household goods and personal effects**

Power of Attorney notarised by a Russian Notary  
Copies of Accreditation card, passport & registered visa  
Customs declaration form registered upon arrival in Russia (when crossing the border)  
Application addressed to customs  
Letter from Company addressed to Customs  
Guarantee letter from Company addressed to Customs including company bank accounts  
Re-export Control List including items subject to re-export

***Important: All necessary documents are to be written in Russian according to samples provided by Henk International.***

**IMPORT**

**Temporary Import Mode** implies that a client does not pay any import duties but must extend temporary import every time before it expires and must take all imported goods out when leaving Russia. *The Temporary Import is valid for a period for which the client's visa is registered.* It is important and critical that clients strictly observe Russian customs regulations with regard to temporarily imported goods in order to avoid fines and penalties and therefore extend their temporary import regime every time they extend their visa. Henk International provides assistance with temporary import extension.

Temporary import for air shipments is possible only if clients can provide (together with other documents for this mode mentioned above) **accreditation card** and **customs declaration form** declaring unaccompanied baggage that was **registered during client's arrival in Russia for the first time**

Clients can bring under temporary import mode goods with a value of up to US \$ 10,000. Goods exceeding this value are subject to duties.  
Clients can be requested by customs to pay duties for some items that couldn't be considered as re-export objects (clothes, shoes, beddings, toiletries, china/glass, kitchenware, etc).  
The following goods are subject to temporary import and should be included into re-export control list with brand names, manufactures, country of manufacturing and serial numbers: radio and electronic equipment, computer hardware, spare parts and appliances, software, other electronic office equipment (typewriters, copiers, big calculators, etc), photo, video and audio equipment & accessories, household appliances (freezers, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, etc.), telecom equipment (phones, faxes, ATS, etc.), furniture and office equipment, pieces of art and antiquities.

**Permanent Import /Duties Payable** implies that a client will have to pay import duties for his goods but once goods are customs cleared he is free to dispose them off in any way he or she likes.

**Customs declaration form** - form filled out at the border or at the airport upon arrival in Russia. This form is obligatory for duty free import for returning Russian citizens who spent 183 days or more consecutively outside Russian territory. Client has to declare that he has unaccompanied luggage in the quantity of \_\_\_\_\_ collies (if exact number of collies is not available one should declare "1 container"). This record has to be certified by customs officer and sealed with customs seal. It is important that the shipper arriving at Moscow airport will go through the "Red Corridor" to make this declaration and get the form stamped.

Returning Russian citizen may import goods worth US \$ 5,000 without having to pay duties. Goods exceeding this value are subject to duties.

**Import of pieces of art, antiquities and other unique items** - registration of listed below items during import customs clearing helps to avoid problems and subsequently delays with re-export of these items:

- paintings (oil, water colours, pencil)
- hand made carpets
- books (published before 1940 or rare books)
- all musical instruments (except for electrical)
- pieces of applied arts (old Matrioshkas, Gzhel, etc.)
- old furniture
- old cars / cycles
- all household goods produced early 20th century
- cold steel and firearms
- icons
- samovars

To register these items during import customs clearing Henk International should be provided with 4 photos of each item (Polaroid pictures are not accepted!) before the shipment arrives in Moscow.

**Import of plants** - very complicated and costly procedure as sanitary certificates from origin country are required and local sanitary certificate needs to be acquired with RF Sanitary Control Department.

**Import of pets** - veterinary certificate, passport with recent vaccinations and pedigree record (if available) from origin country should be provided. This makes it possible to get veterinary certificate with destination airport Veterinary Control.

**Import of cars** - cars can be imported only under duties mode (diplomats are exception). Main documents to be provided by client are Technical Passport or any other official document that includes Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and Certificate of Title or any other document confirming car ownership. Client should be present during customs clearing (diplomats are exempted from being present). Since the amount of duties on cars is rather high in Russia, we would recommend contacting us **before** car is shipped.

**Attention:**

1. Certain items cannot be allowed for export from Russia due to their cultural or historical value. Final conclusion in this regard is made by Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation.
2. Import registration of Artworks and Antiquities speeds up procedure of getting export permission for the same objects.
3. Henk International provides assistance in obtaining export permissions for such objects and items. Please note that generally the process of getting permissions takes 10-30 days and advance notice is required, certain permissions may take even longer.

**!!! Food, medicine, detergents, etc. are not allowed to be shipped as unaccompanied luggage (both export / import)**

**!!! Alcohol- 2 litres allowed for export / import**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT RUSSIAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT CHANGE. HENK INTERNATIONAL WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED IN CASE OF DRASTIC CHANGES. DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT HENK INTERNATIONAL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

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