



Importing Personal Property Into Canada

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

CUSTOMER AND/OR SPOUSE MUST BE PRESENT AT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE. FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN BONDED STORAGE AT CUSTOMERS EXPENSE.
All shipments are subject to inspection. Air shipments must be cleared within 48 hours to avoid storage charges.

If customer is Returning Canadian and has been residing outside of Canada for at least one year but less than five years, household goods and personal effects must have been in customer's possession and used for at least six months prior to relocation to be duty-free.

Items **MUST NOT** be sold or lent within one year of importation.

All **NEW** items (less than 6 months old) must have receipts in the event the items are questioned by Customs agents.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport including photo page
- ✓ Visa – if applicable
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English or French – appliances and electronics require make, model and serial number noted on the inventory list
- ✓ Work Permit – if applicable
- ✓ Customs Manifest – Form A8A
- ✓ Importer's Declaration for Customs
- ✓ Previous airport or United States/Canada Border Declaration
- ✓ Landed Immigrant Application and papers if applicable
- ✓ Letter of Undertaking (not always necessary)
- ✓ Returning Canadians will also need to provide the following documents:
 - Proof of Residency abroad
 - Monthly statements, i.e. rent receipts, electric/water/telephone bills, letter from employer

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English

RESTRICTED/DUTYABLE ITEMS

Canada has complex requirements, restrictions and limits on meats, dairy, fruits and vegetables and other foodstuffs. It is strongly advised **NOT** to bring such goods into Canada. For more information, contact the CFIA Import Services Centre.

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS CONTINUED...

- ✓ Firearms and ammunitions- Require Import, Government and Police Permits to be obtained before being allowed importation. These requirements are strictly enforced
- ✓ Meat requires a Health Certificate and must be inspected by the Port Health Authority
- ✓ Live plants must be inspected by Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development
- ✓ Tobacco products
- ✓ Alcohol- A detailed list is required stating type, size and quantity.
 - Provincial and Federal duties and taxes will be assessed
 - DO NOT ship wine between October 1 and March 31 to avoid possibility of freezing
- ✓ Office equipment – new or used
- ✓ Commercial quantities of any item or product incur duties
- ✓ Radio equipment (CB's, walkie-talkies etc)
- ✓ Any item valued at or over \$10,000 is dutiable
- ✓ Air guns are not restricted so long as the muzzle velocity does not exceed 500 feet per second
- ✓ Hunting rifles or shotguns for sporting purposes are allowed so long as they are not modified

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Weapons, explosives, ammunitions and fireworks
- ✓ Pistols, revolvers and handguns require a Police Permit
- ✓ Animals and products there-of on the CITES and/or Endangered Species list,
- ✓ Soft shell turtles from any country including the US
- ✓ Plants, sand and other related matter requires a Phytosanitary Certificate and Import Permit issued in advance from the Department of Agriculture
- ✓ Products from Haiti, including drums made of animal skins

NOTES: Inclusion of any of these items will delay Customs clearance and result in additional expenses for the customer.

Replica firearms are classified as prohibited and cannot be imported into Canada.

Guns have severe restrictions and specific permit processes depending on the type.

Please refer to www.cfc.gc.ca for specific guidelines.

IMPORTATION OF PETS

All live animals must meet specific permit requirements issued by the Veterinary Services Division of the Quarantine may be required depending on type of pet and country of origin.

Note: Dogs, cats, birds, horses and other livestock three months old or older from the United States can be imported provided they are accompanied by a certificate, signed and dated by a veterinarian indicating the animal has been vaccinated against rabies within the last year. The certificate must identify the animal by breed, age, sex, color and any distinguishing marks.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Inspection by the Department of Agriculture
- ✓ Health and Inoculation Certificate (International version)
- ✓ Vaccination Record – must be at least 30 days prior to entry
- ✓ Import Permit – Required for birds imported from ALL countries except the US

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IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are duty-free but may be subject to local taxes. Vehicles over 15 years old are subject to different regulations and costly modifications may be required. Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety and Emission control regulations apply.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration,
- ✓ Form K-22
- ✓ Proof of Ownership - i.e. Insurance Policy, Purchase Invoice
- ✓ Statement of Compliance label affixed by the manufacturer

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/toce.shtml> 2009

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.

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PERSONAL EFFECTS ACCOUNTING DOCUMENT (Settler, Former Resident, Seasonal Resident, or Beneficiary)

Shaded areas for CBSA use only

Accounting document number

Form fields for Importer's name, address, Cargo control number, Country of origin/export, Landed immigrant / Permanent resident, Port of entry, Date of landing, IMM 5292 No., and CBSA stamp.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Description of goods (include serial numbers, if applicable), and Value (CDN Dollars). Rows 1-8.

All conveyances MUST be eligible for importation in accordance with Transport Canada requirements. Vehicle import registration fees may also apply.

Table with 3 columns: Conveyances (make, model, serial number of vehicle, vessel, aircraft, or trailer), Value (CDN Dollars), and K22 / Vehicle import form number. Rows 1-3.

Form fields for Additional list of goods, Form B4A, Mover's inventory, Other, Goods to follow, Yes/No, and Form B15 number (if applicable).

CLASSIFICATION TYPE - See information on reverse

FORMER RESIDENT (tariff item No. 9805.00.00) section with declaration and numbered questions.

BENEFICIARY (tariff item No. 9806.00.00) section with declaration and numbered questions.

SEASONAL RESIDENT (tariff item No. 9829.00.00) section with declaration and numbered questions.

SETTLER (tariff item No. 9807.00.00) section with declaration and numbered questions.

Signed at _____ on _____ Signature of Importer

Tariff Item No. 9805.00.00 (Former Resident)

Goods imported by a member of the Canadian Forces, by an employee of the Canadian government, or by a former resident of Canada returning to Canada to resume residence in Canada after having been a resident of another country for a period of not less than one year, or by a resident returning after an absence from Canada of not less than one year, and acquired by that person for personal or household use and actually owned, possessed and used abroad by that person for at least six months prior to that person's return to Canada and accompanying that person at the time of their return to Canada.

"Goods" does not include goods that are sold or otherwise disposed of within twelve months after importation.

For the purpose of this tariff item:

- (a) the provisions shall apply to either wine not exceeding 1.5 litres or any alcoholic beverages not exceeding 1.14 litres and tobacco not exceeding fifty cigars, two hundred cigarettes, two hundred tobacco sticks and two hundred grams of manufactured tobacco if they are included in the baggage accompanying the importer, and no relief from payment of duties is being claimed in respect of alcoholic beverages or tobacco under another item in this Chapter at the time of importation;
- (b) If goods (other than alcoholic beverages, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco sticks and manufactured tobacco) are not accompanying the person returning from abroad, they may be classified under this item when imported at a later time if they are reported by the person at the time of return to Canada; and
- (c) any article which was acquired after March 31, 1977 by a class of persons named in this tariff item and which has a value for duty as determined under the *Customs Act* of more than \$10,000 shall not be classified under this tariff item.

Section 84 of the *Customs Tariff* reads:

84. Goods that, but for the fact that their value for duty as determined under section 46 of the *Customs Act* exceeds the value specified under tariff item No. 9805.00.00, would be classified under that tariff item, shall be classified under Chapters 1 to 97 and their value for duty reduced by that specified value.

Short Title

1. This Order may be cited as the *Tariff Item No. 9805.00.00 Exemption Order*.

Interpretation

2. In this Order,

"bride's trousseau" means goods acquired for use in the household of a newly married couple, but does not include vehicles, vessels or aircraft;

"wedding presents" means goods of a non-commercial nature received by a person as personal gifts in consideration of that person's recent marriage or the anticipated marriage of that person within three months of the person's return to Canada.

Exemption

3. The following goods are exempt from the six-month ownership, possession or use requirements set out in tariff item No. 9805.00.00 of the *Customs Tariff*:
 - (a) alcoholic beverages owned by, in the possession of and imported by a person who has attained the minimum age at which a person may lawfully purchase alcoholic beverages in the province in which the CBSA Office where the alcoholic beverages are imported is situated;
 - (b) tobacco products owned by and in the possession of the importer;
 - (c) a bride's trousseau owned by, in the possession of and imported by a recently married person or a bride-to-be whose anticipated marriage is to take place within three months of the date of her return to Canada;
 - (d) wedding presents owned by, in the possession of, and imported by the recipient thereof;
 - (e) any goods imported by a person who has resided abroad for at least five years immediately prior to returning to Canada and who, prior to the date of return, owned, was in possession of and used the goods; and
 - (f) goods acquired as replacements for goods that, but for their loss or destruction as the result of fire, theft, accident or other unforeseen contingency, would have been classified under tariff item No. 9805.00.00 of the *Customs Tariff*, on condition that
 - (i) the goods acquired as replacements are of a similar class and approximately of the same value as the goods they replaced,
 - (ii) the goods acquired as replacements were owned by, in the possession of, and used by a person prior to the person's return to Canada, and
 - (iii) evidence is produced at the time the goods are accounted for under section 32 of the *Customs Act* that the goods they replaced were lost or destroyed as the result of fire, theft, accident or other unforeseen contingency.

Tariff Item No. 9806.00.00 (Beneficiary)

Personal and household effects of a resident of Canada who has died, on the condition that such goods were owned, possessed and used abroad by that resident;

Personal and household effects received by a resident of Canada as a result of the death or in anticipation of death of a person who is not a resident of Canada, on condition that such goods were owned, possessed and used abroad by that non-resident;

All the foregoing when bequeathed to a resident of Canada.

Tariff Item No. 9807.00.00 (Settler)

Goods imported by a settler for the settler's household or personal use, if actually owned, possessed and used abroad by the settler prior to the settler's arrival in Canada and accompanying the settler at the time of the settler's arrival in Canada.

For the purpose of this tariff item:

- (a) "goods" may include:
 - (i) either wine not exceeding 1.5 litres or any alcoholic beverages not exceeding 1.14 litres, and
 - (ii) tobacco not exceeding fifty cigars, two hundred cigarettes, two hundred tobacco sticks and two hundred grams of manufactured tobacco;
- (b) "goods" does not include imported goods that are sold or otherwise disposed of within twelve months after importation; and
- (c) if goods (other than alcoholic beverages, cigars, cigarettes, tobacco sticks and manufactured tobacco) are not accompanying the settler at the time of the settler's arrival in Canada, they may be classified under this tariff item when imported at a later time if they are reported by the settler at the time of the settler's arrival in Canada.

Short Title

1. This Order may be cited as the *Tariff Item No. 9807.00.00 Exemption Order*.

Interpretation

2. The following goods are exempt from the use requirements specified in tariff item No. 9807.00.00:
 - (a) alcoholic beverages imported by a settler who has attained the minimum age at which a person may lawfully purchase alcoholic beverages in the province in which the customs office where the alcoholic beverages are imported is situated;
 - (b) tobacco products;
 - (c) household goods acquired by a settler and set aside for use in the household of the settler whose marriage occurred within three months before the settler's arrival in Canada or is to occur within three months after the settler's arrival in Canada; and
 - (d) wedding gifts received outside Canada by a settler in consideration of the settler's marriage which occurred within three months before the settler's arrival in Canada or is to occur within three months after the settler's arrival in Canada.

Tariff Item No. 9829.00.00 (Seasonal Resident)

Household furniture and furnishings for a seasonal residence, excluding construction materials, electrical fixtures or other goods permanently attached to or incorporated into a seasonal residence;

Tools and equipment for the maintenance of a seasonal residence;

The foregoing, on condition that:

- (i) the goods are imported by a person who is not a resident of Canada and who owns or leases for not less than three years a residence in Canada for seasonal use, other than a time-sharing residence, trailer or mobile home;
- (ii) the person is entitled to only one importation under this tariff item;
- (iii) the goods are for the personal use of that person or their family and are not for any commercial, industrial or occupational purpose;
- (iv) the goods are owned, possessed and used by that person or their family before their first arrival in Canada to occupy the seasonal residence;
- (v) the goods are not sold or otherwise disposed of in Canada for at least one year after the date of their importation; and
- (vi) the goods accompany the seasonal resident at the time of the seasonal resident's first arrival in Canada to occupy the seasonal residence or, if not imported at the time of first arrival in Canada, are, at that time, described and listed on a customs accounting document as goods to follow.

NOTE FOR FORMER RESIDENTS AND SETTLERS TO CANADA (TARIFF ITEM NO. 9805.00.00 AND 9807.00.00)

A minimum duty applies to cigarettes, tobacco sticks, and manufactured tobacco that you include in your personal exemption entitlement. However, this duty does not apply if the product is marked "Canada Duty Paid".

Please refer to section 21 of the *Customs Tariff* for legislative references.



PERSONAL EFFECTS ACCOUNTING DOCUMENT

DOCUMENT DE DÉCLARATION EN DÉTAIL DES EFFETS PERSONNELS

(list of goods imported)

(liste des marchandises importées)

- Goods imported with you at the time of accounting should be listed separately from goods which are to follow at a later date. Please use a separate list if any goods are to follow.
- Inscrive uniquement les marchandises importées au moment de la déclaration en détail et utiliser une autre feuille pour dresser la liste des marchandises qui suivront à une date ultérieure.

Name of Importer – Nom de l'importateur	Document no. – N° du document	<input type="checkbox"/> List of goods to follow Liste de marchandises à suivre
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Item Article	Description of goods (include serial numbers, if applicable) Description des marchandises (y compris le numéro de série, s'il y a lieu)	Value for duty (cdn. dollars) Valeur en douane (dollars CAN)
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_____ Signature of importer / Signature de l'importateur	_____ Date
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CBSA Stamp Timbre de l'ASFC
