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<b>GOODS</b>	<b>DOCUMENTS REQUIRED</b>	<b>CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Diplomatic shipments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exemption certificate issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh.</li> <li>▪ For issuance of exemption certificate Ministry needs:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AWB/ original B/L,</li> <li>▪ list of items with value (Invoice),</li> <li>▪ Inventory list,</li> <li>▪ Vessel name with B/L number and date,</li> <li>▪ Flight details with AWB number.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free import is permitted.</li> <li>▪ Regarding alcohol import for diplomats: Diplomats can bring alcohol with HHGDS for personal consumption with the exemption certification from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>▪ For import alcohol by Diplomatic Mission: Diplomatic mission can bring alcohol any quantity subject to exemption certification from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicable to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diplomatic Mission,</li> <li>▪ Non-Diplomatic Member of the Diplomatic Mission,</li> <li>▪ High Commission, High Commissioners,</li> <li>▪ Resident Representative of the Privileged Organization who enjoy diplomatic status.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Privileged shipments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original Passport.</li> <li>▪ Original B/L, AWB.</li> <li>▪ List of contents with itemized value (invoice).</li> <li>▪ Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Privileged Person Customs Pass Book.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free import is permitted against customs passbook.</li> <li>▪ The National Board of Revenue &amp; Bond Commissioner issues the passbook to the privileged persons after arrival in Bangladesh.</li> <li>▪ The consignee should import all goods including one motor vehicle within 6 (six) months from the date of first</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicable to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The expatriate/employees of all UN Agencies and foreign aided projects,</li> <li>▪ Development partners of Bangladesh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Consignee should complete import of personal and household goods within 6 (six) months from the date of his/ her first arrival in Bangladesh.</li> <li>▪ The household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Non-privileged shipments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original AWB, B/L.</li> <li>▪ Original Passport of consignee.</li> <li>▪ List of items (Invoice).</li> <li>▪ Baggage declaration Form "A".</li> <li>▪ "Transfer of residence form" to be endorsed by the customs authorities. Such forms will allow non-privileged Bangladeshi nationals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs duty and taxes imposed on all items.</li> <li>▪ Transfer of residence benefits/Tax benefits only applicable for the reasonable quantity of old and used household goods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allowed to import any type of household goods subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.</li> <li>▪ In order to get maximum tax benefit, Bangladeshi nationals need a transfer of residence certificate from the Bangladesh High Commission in abroad.</li> </ul>

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	<p>to get maximum tax benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-privileged foreigners are not entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits.</li> <li>▪ Bangladeshi (those who are holding dual citizenship) are entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Baggage declaration form "A" available at Dhaka customs airfreight unit.</li> <li>▪ Clients have to obtain the same after arrival at Dhaka airport and hold the copy duly signed and sealed by the customs officials.</li> <li>▪ For foreign nationals: a work permit from the Board of Investment &amp; other relevant ministry.</li> </ul>
<b>Automobiles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same documents required as for personal effects, except that in place of list of contents an invoice is needed.</li> <li>▪ In the case of a used automobile, a previous registration or ownership certificate/a certificate of de-registration is required to attach with all shipping documents in order to determine the age of the vehicle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs duty and taxes including advance trade VAT will be charged on the assessable value of the vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Customs duty and taxes exempted if the vehicle is imported by the privileged person or the diplomatic person.</li> <li>▪ Non-privileged person (foreigner) is allowed to import vehicle subject to prior import permission from the Chief Controller of Import and Export on payment of applicable customs duty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vehicles more than 5 (five) years old are not import permissible in Bangladesh as per Import Policy Order 2015-2018.</li> <li>▪ Vehicle will not enjoy any transfer of residence benefits rather than benefits stated in the recondition car import rules.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinary/ Health certificate.</li> <li>▪ Rabies vaccination certificate.</li> <li>▪ Prior permission from the Director of livestock, Government of Bangladesh.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Importation of domestic pets like dogs and cats are permitted.</li> <li>▪ Duty applicable or not applicable depend on the consignee status.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health certificate and rabies vaccination certificate from its origin required to obtain "No objection Certificate" from the Department of Livestock in Bangladesh prior to the arrival of pets.</li> <li>▪ LAR (Live Animal Regulations) has to be maintained.</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited Items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drugs</li> <li>▪ Narcotics</li> <li>▪ Gold bullion</li> <li>▪ Obscene and subversive literature</li> <li>▪ Firearms, ammunitions</li> <li>▪ Sanitary fittings and other construction materials in commercial quantity.</li> </ul>	

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General Comment			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AWB, B/L must show owner's name in the consignee's column. This is required by customs as proof of ownership.</li> <li>▪ If AWB, B/L does not show owner's name as consignee, there will delays in clearance.</li> <li>▪ The owner must arrive in Bangladesh before customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ The shipment must be booked within shortest possible time after arrival of the consignee in Bangladesh.</li> <li>▪ Baggage declaration must have to be endorsed by the customs within seven days from the date of arrival of the consignee in Bangladesh (copy of AWB/BL &amp; Packing List must be available with passengers).</li> <li>▪ If not, than a subsequent baggage declaration must have to endorse from the customs once AWB/BL &amp; packing list is available. (Customs may impose nominal fine for subsequent baggage declaration).</li> </ul>



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