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| <p>Removals of returning Japanese citizens including Diplomats</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import declaration (Declaration of unaccompanied baggage) (customs form C-5360-2 for Non-Japanese) (customs form C-5360 for Japanese). ▪ Packing list or descriptive and detailed inventory (English or Japanese). ▪ Passport copies of the shipper with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear copy of the picture and information page of shipper's passport. 2. A clear copy of visa of the country where the shipment comes from. 3. A clear copy of shipper's most recent entry stamp into Japan. 4. The date should be the same as a stamp on the "Unaccompanied Articles Customs Form C. No.5360". 5. The date should be within 6 months from the shipment's arrival date. 6. A clear copy of shipper's departure stamp from Japan to the country where the shipment comes from. 7. A clear copy of shipper's entry stamp into the country where the shipment comes from. 8. A clear copy of shipper's departure stamp from the country where the shipment comes to Japan. ▪ Original Unaccompanied Articles Customs declaration Form C. No.5360 (Import declaration). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the required documents are completed. • Removal goods consist of used household effects, which have been in the owner's use, and they are for his continued use in his new residence. ▪ Customs may inspect all the shipment physically. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs declaration Form C. No.5360 (Import declaration) can be obtained on the shipper's flight over to Japan. The shipper should request two copies to the flight attendant (as they must be completed in duplicates). ▪ The shipper must hand the completed cards to the customs officer at the airport upon arrival, where the cards will be stamped and one copy returned to him immediately. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In case the shipper does not submit a Japanese customs form upon arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apology letter to Customs (Original) is necessary. • All brand new items (incl. food items) will be taxable. | | |
| Removals of Foreign Residents (new residents) (holders of foreign passport + Employment, Investors, Self-Employment, Spouse & Resident Permits) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A clear copy of the picture and information page of shipper's passport. ▪ A clear copy of the visa page of the shipper's passport (working visa in Japan)*. ▪ A clear copy of shipper's most recent entry stamp into Japan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date should be the same as a stamp on an "Unaccompanied Articles Customs Form C. No.5360". • The date should be within 6 months from the shipment's arrival date. ▪ A clear copy of the visa of the country where the shipment comes from if the shipper's nationality is different from the origin country. ▪ Original Unaccompanied Articles Customs declaration Form C. No.5360 Complete 2 forms and submit them to the customs official as you exit the airport – one will be stamped and returned – submit this to your FIDI agent. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs declaration Form C-5360 or C-5360-2(Import declaration) can be obtained on the shipper's flight over to Japan. The shipper should request two copies to the flight attendant (as they must be completed in duplicates). ▪ The shipper must hand the completed cards to the customs officer at the airport upon arrival, where the cards will be stamped and one copy returned to him immediately. ▪ If shipper's visa is not available, a letter to Customs prepared by the company in Japan may be used in lieu of actual visa (original copy required). This letter should be prepared for each shipment. ▪ Please ask Customs and get the confirmation in advance. |
| Diplomats Removals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A clear copy of the picture and information of diplomatic passport. ▪ Simplified customs clearance request form for diplomats issued by Foreign Ministry. In case that the form is not available, customs clearance procedure is same as Removal of Foreign Residents. ▪ Import declaration form. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consult your Embassy and local agent for the importation of alcohol (quantities allowed). |

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| Car, Motor cycle, Camping car, Motor boat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original vehicle registration certificate at origin country that proves the usage of the vehicle by the shipper/consignee. ▪ Bill of sale, receipt or invoice. ▪ Original Unaccompanied Articles Customs declaration form C-5360 or C-5360-2. ▪ Original passport with working VISA in Japan. ▪ Alien registration card in Japan (in case of Foreign Residents). ▪ Engagement letter not to resale the vehicle within 2 years. ▪ Declaration of customs duty exemption. (Customs Form T No.128o). | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles may have to be modified to meet Japanese exhaust emission and safety regulations. |
| Alcohol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liquors list. ▪ Customs Form C5360. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free, per person aged 20 years or more. ▪ 3 bottles maximum (760 ml x 3), with proper Customs Form C5360. ▪ Whisky/Brandy: 600 yen / litre. ▪ Gin / Liquor: 400 yen / litre. ▪ Wine: 200 yen / litre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare a liquors list to ensure smooth customs clearance. |
| Food | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs are strict with the import of food particularly those of Air Shipment. ▪ Meat products including beef jerky, sausage, and ham are prohibited. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Avoid sending food / alcohol via air shipment. If you do check first with your agent in Japan. ▪ In case food items are in the shipment, inspection will be done at the clearance and will incur extra handling fees. |



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