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International Removals and Transportation

Country info sheet for: TURKMENISTAN

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1/ IMPORT REGULATIONS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

A/ Required documents

- Transport waybill.
- Packing list.
- Copy of the passport.
- Copy of the valid visa / diplomatic card / confirmation of employment (to be issued by the client's organization in the country of destination)
- Power of attorney (to be issued by the client's organization in the country of destination)
- Valued inventory in English or Russian.

Notes on the valued inventory:

- Valued inventory lists are purely for customs purposes and therefore the value does not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes. However, it is strictly advised not to enclose the list used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents.
- Separate valued inventory lists should contain very clear description of each individual item. Such descriptions are very important because it helps the local customs authorities to determine the import duty which differs from item to item. Therefore, in order to minimize the customs duty on consumable items we suggest to under declare the value for such items for customs purposes only. Home electrical and electronic appliances should be very clearly mentioned along with their serial numbers.
- Please find hereunder an example of the needed information on a valued inventory list:

item	value	Net weight	Gross weight	pieces
dishes	30 USD	5.20 kg	5.40 kg	10

B/ Customs procedures for diplomats / non-diplomats / returning citizens

Customs procedures

The consignee should be present at the destination and should have a valid visa.

The consignee should be employed by a registered company in Turkmenistan.

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Temporary or final import clearance

Expatriates are permitted to import HHG and personal effects on temporary import basis which is valid till the time expatriates have finished their tenure and are ready to export their HHG out of Turkmenistan. Meanwhile expatriates should pay US\$ 5 per hour for customs service. Employees of diplomatic mission (holders of diplomatic passport) are free from any payment.

Turkmen citizens are not permitted to import the HHG and personal effects on temporary import basis and therefore, are liable to pay full tax and duties.

C/ Prohibited items

- Weapons of all kinds.
- Pornography.
- Narcotics.
- Toxic material
- Radioactive material.
- Export of antiques, such as carpets, paintings, books, icons or any other items, which is considered to be of Turkmen cultural and historical value.

2/ IMPORT OF CARS

A/ Required documents

- Transport waybill.
- Car title.
- Technical passport of the car.
- Copy of the passport.
- Copy of the valid visa / diplomatic card / confirmation of employment (to be issued by the client's organization in the country of destination)
- Power of attorney (to be issued by the client's organization in the country of destination)
- Pro forma invoice in English or Russian.

B/ Customs procedures for diplomats / non-diplomats / returning citizens

Customs procedures

Customs clearance procedure for diplomatic cars takes 1-2 working days.

Customs clearance for non-diplomatic cars is completed within 1-3 working days.

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Auto cars and motorcycles can be imported on temporary import basis with customs duty payment of US\$ 25 + US\$ 5 per hour for customs service. Sale of the temporary imported auto cars and motorcycles are not permitted and must be exported out of Turkmenistan at the end of expatriates tenure.

Permanent import of auto cars and motorcycles are subject to the tax and duties as per customs tariff.

3/ IMPORT OF PARTICULAR ITEMS

A/ Pets

The import of pets is allowed. Following documents are required:

- Vaccination certificate
- Veterinary certificate
- Passport of the pet

B/ Plants

For imported plants the consignee will have to obtain a special permission from the Ministry of Nature and Environment.

C/ Cultural items

- The duty free import of used HHG is allowed only on temporary import basis and it's strongly recommended that all the carpets, paintings, art effects and antiques in the shipment should be photographed. Expatriates should pay 5 USD per hour for customs service. Duplicate photograph of each item should be sent to our office in advance by courier enabling us to get the customs endorsement on the back of each photograph at the time of import customs inspection of the shipment. This will help the owner tremendously to avoid the problems with the customs authorities at the time of export of these items out of Turkmenistan. The import of such art effects, pictures are possible only with permission of the Cabinet of Ministries of Turkmenistan.
- Export of locally purchased carpets and paintings is allowed unless the items are not considered antique and of cultural value. The permission from the Art Fund under Turkmen Ministry of Culture is required. The export of carpets requires certification by the Ministry of Carpet (Turkmenhally).

D/ Alcoholic beverages

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The allowance limit for the import of wine and spirits for personal consumption is one litre per head. All in excess is subject to duties and taxes as following:

US \$ 1.00/- per liter	excise duty
up to 30 % of value	customs duty (depending on the % of alcohol)
15 % of value	VAT
0.2 % of value	customs procedures duty.

E/ Food

Expatriates are permitted to import limited amount of food items and other consumable items duty and tax free. Food stuff and consumables can not be imported on temporary import base. The customs can specify limited volume for limited amount, after what the customs excess payments will be applied. For expatriates it is not recommended importing food items at all.

F/ Electronics

All kind of electronic and electrical appliances should be clearly marked on the packing list along with their serial numbers.

Note: Precious jewelry, stones and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with the customs at the airport. The declaration should be kept in the safe custody because the same will be required for presentation to the customs authorities at the time of departure.

4/ CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

A/ Surface shipments (sea / truck / rail)

Consignment instructions depend from shipment to shipment and will be given after having contacted the consignee.

B/ Air shipments

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5/ HELPFUL TIPS

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- Once the shipment is booked please send the signed order for service to our **Antwerp HQ at kris@gosselingroup.eu** (attn. Mr Kris Corten). Please send us also the copies of the waybill, packing list, valued inventories and shipping schedule well in advance so we can double check and make corrections prior to shipping. This will save you extra storage and demurrage charges at the destination. We strongly recommend you not to send anything before we checked the documents and contacted the client.
 - Mark the waybills very clearly “Used Household goods and personal effects”.
 - The packing list should be in English and/or Russian.
 - Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes to the documents enclosed with the shipment. This in order to avoid heavy customs duties and taxes upon the shipment’s arrival.
 - The under declared valued inventory for customs purposes should be attached to the documents accompanying the shipment.
 - Such items as books, CD’s, audio and videotapes should not be mentioned separately on the packing list. However, if it is necessary to include these items on the packing list, make sure to list the name of the author, year of publication and the topic of each item separately.
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