



## Import of Personal Effects and Household Goods to Japan

Personal effects and household goods are free of duty if in the shipper's possession for at least 12 months and are for the continued use of the owner in his new residence. The goods should be cleared within six (6) months of shipper's arrival in Japan.

### Required documents for Customs Clearance

1) Customs declaration form

Declaration of Accompanied Personal Effects and Unaccompanied Articles (Customs form C-5360) is available either on your flight to Japan or at the customs house at your airport of arrival into Japan. Two copies of the written declaration forms must be submitted to the customs officer upon entry. Either quantity of the packages or number of containers must be declared on this form. We will need the stamped original to clear through import customs.

2) Passport Copy

The picture and signature, and all other stamped pages. This must include latest entry stamp into Japan/ The date of the stamp must be less than six months prior to the entry of the shipment/ The stamp must also match the date of the Japanese Customs Form (1 above).

3) Visa (Only non-resident will be required)

The owner must have more than one-year visa status. If the owner does not have a working visa, or are in the process of receiving one, the owner will need to write an "Apology Letter" to the customs officer at the port where his/her shipment is arriving. If the owner has both air and surface shipments, the owner will be required to write two letters. Please contact us to discuss this in further detail, and we can advise owner on he/she needs and assist you in preparing these documents accordingly.

4) Packing list, specifying contents (PBO not acceptable). If alcohol is in the shipment, the package number must be indicated for customs inspection.

Please note that pre-clearance of the shipment in Japan is not possible and therefore customs clearance can only take place after owner's arrival (Although owner does not need to physically attend the clearance procedure, owner will need to have already arrived in Japan).

### Customs Regulations

#### Prohibited Goods

- \* Firearms or weapons of any kind
- \* Swords or daggers of the blade is more than 15 cm in length
- \* Narcotics
- \* Pornographic material of any type, including sculptures
- \* Counterfeit, altered coins, bills, bank notes, etc.
- \* Plants, trees and vegetables with soil

#### Liquor

Owner may bring a maximum of three bottles of liquor/wine into Japan without incurring duties. Anything above this will be subject to import duties. Alcohol can only be imported with personal effects for personal use. Duties are as follows:

- \* Wine JPY 200.-/liter
- \* Brandy and Whisky JPY 500.-/liter
- \* Other hard liquor JPY 300.-/liter
- \* Can of beer JPY 70.-/350 ml