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

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	<p>to get maximum tax benefit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-privileged foreigners are not entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits. ▪ Bangladeshi (those who are holding dual citizenship) are entitled to get Transfer of Residence Benefits. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baggage declaration form "A" available at Dhaka customs airfreight unit. ▪ Clients have to obtain the same after arrival at Dhaka airport and hold the copy duly signed and sealed by the customs officials. ▪ For foreign nationals: a work permit from the Board of Investment & other relevant ministry.
Automobiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same documents required as for personal effects, except that in place of list of contents an invoice is needed. ▪ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs duty and taxes including advance trade VAT will be charged on the assessable value of the vehicle. ▪ Customs duty and taxes exempted if the vehicle is imported by the privileged person or the diplomatic person. ▪ 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles more than 5 (five) years old are not import permissible in Bangladesh as per Import Policy Order 2015-2018. ▪ Vehicle will not enjoy any transfer of residence benefits rather than benefits stated in the recondition car import rules.
Domestic Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary/ Health certificate. ▪ Rabies vaccination certificate. ▪ Prior permission from the Director of livestock, Government of Bangladesh. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation of domestic pets like dogs and cats are permitted. ▪ Duty applicable or not applicable depend on the consignee status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ LAR (Live Animal Regulations) has to be maintained.
Prohibited Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drugs ▪ Narcotics ▪ Gold bullion ▪ Obscene and subversive literature ▪ Firearms, ammunitions ▪ Sanitary fittings and other construction materials in commercial quantity. 	

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



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