



## Customs Guide **JAMAICA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 copies of passport data page and landing stamp and letter of authorization - notarised by a J.P.</li> <li>▪ Resident Permit.</li> <li>▪ Work permit &amp; letter of employment.</li> <li>▪ Tax Registration Number (TRN).</li> <li>▪ Taxes compliance certificate for import of auto.</li> <li>▪ Inventory &amp; AWB/OBL.</li> <li>▪ Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li>   <li>▪ Returning resident:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> <li>▪ Customs declaration form (C.5) provided to the Customs officer at the time of arrival at the airport in Jamaica.</li> <li>▪ Tax returns – Including W-2/1099, P-60,T4,</li> <li>▪ Letter of separation from employer.</li> <li>▪ Pension advice/Social Security Letter where applicable.</li> <li>▪ Documents proving customer has lived outside of Jamaica for more than 3 years.</li> <li>▪ Document stating customer's intention to re-establish permanent residence in Jamaica.</li> <li>▪ Unconditional stamp if Jamaican and arriving on foreign passport.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All new items (less than six months old)/               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dutiable for non-returning residents. £</li> <li>▪ invoices must be provided for all new items.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Duty, if due on items, is determined after examination of the goods by customs at the stripping station:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Based on the CIF value</li> <li>▪ Will be between 5% to 40%.</li> <li>▪ In addition, government consumption tax of 16.5% depending on the item assessed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All passengers must complete the C-27 form upon arrival at airport/seaport if they are expecting luggage/household effects to arrive before or after their arrival.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The form is valid for 3 months or has to be renewed.</li> <li>▪ Extracts need to be obtained if more than one shipment is expected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Customer must be in the country for clearance.</li> </ul>

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<b>Diplomats Removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ B/L.</li> <li>▪ Consular letter asking for free entry.</li> <li>▪ Inventory.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No examination.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passenger declaration if the owner is a returning resident.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete outfit for bride and groom.</li> </ul>
<b>Inheritance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Personal effects of citizens of Jamaica or for or persons ordinarily domiciled in Jamaica: death certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examination/Affidavit from lawyers.</li> </ul>	
<b>Electrical &amp; Household Appliances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ B/L.</li> <li>▪ Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examination.</li> <li>▪ Returning resident may import duty free one new appliance and electronic equipment/computer, used household goods and tools of trade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Electrical and electronic equipment may not be compatible with the Jamaican electrical system 220/110V 50cycle.</li> </ul>
<b>Works of art &amp; Antiques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ B/L.</li> <li>▪ Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free if the Works of art are part of bonafide household effects, large quantities to be accompanied by certificate from Antique Dealers Association of the country of exportation.</li> </ul>	
<b>Precious metal objects</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of duties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commercial or large import: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> <li>▪ Items value.</li> <li>▪ Bank guarantee required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Carpets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ New: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free entry, passenger's declaration to be filled in by passenger on arrival.</li> <li>▪ Goods to arrive two months prior to arrival of passenger or within the timeframe decided upon by the Collector General.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invoice.</li> </ul>		
<b>Presents &amp; Souvenirs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Price list.</li> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> </ul>		
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> <li>▪ Passport.</li> <li>▪ Driver's licence.</li> <li>▪ Insurance certificate.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Title or registration documents.</li> <li>▪ Invoice.</li> <li>▪ Tax Compliance Certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty is payable. Customs will assess its value on local market for this purpose.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence must be obtained before the vehicle is shipped.</li> <li>▪ Customer can drive in Jamaica for one year before a Jamaican licence is required.</li> <li>▪ Used vehicles cannot be more than four years old.</li> </ul>
<b>Other vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> <li>▪ Proof of ownership.</li> <li>▪ B/L.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty is payable. Customs will assess its local value, for this purpose.</li> </ul>	
<b>Machines, appliances, spare parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invoice.</li> <li>▪ Import licence and entry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of duties.</li> </ul>	
<b>Alcohol</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One bottle of spirit and wine duty-free.</li> </ul>	
<b>Tins &amp; food</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> <li>▪ Value.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only sufficient for immediate use of family - duty might be payable at customs discretion.</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arms, ammunition.</li> <li>▪ Dangerous objects.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medicines, narcotics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence.</li> <li>▪ Drugs/Poison permit.</li> <li>▪ Value.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preferably not shipped with household effects.</li> </ul>

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<b>Plants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ministry of Agriculture permit.</li> <li>▪ Fumigation or certificate of health.</li> </ul>		
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ministry of Agriculture permit.</li> <li>▪ Quarantine.</li> <li>▪ Entry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A permit from the Veterinary division of the Ministry of Agriculture must be obtained prior to importation.</li> <li>▪ Dogs and cats born and bred in the United Kingdom are the only dogs and cats permitted for importation.</li> </ul>



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