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**IMPORT DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT LIST**

**IMMIGRANT: -**

- Passport
- Immigration Papers
- Inventory in English
- Previous Airport or U.S./Canada Border Declaration
- Liquor Permit (if required)

**RETURNING CANADIAN: -**

- Passport
- Proof of Residency outside of Canada (ie Work Permit or letter from employer, rent receipts, driver's licence - passport will not be accepted)
- Inventory List in English
- Receipt of items purchased while outside of Canada (if proof of 6 months required)
- Previous Airport or U.S./Canada Border Declaration
- Liquor Permit (if required)

**WORK PERMIT: -**

- Passport
- Work Permit
- "Letter of Undertaking" (not always necessary)
- Inventory in English
- Landed Immigrant Application (if applying)
- Previous Airport or U.S./Canada Border Declaration
- Liquor Permit (if required)

**INHERITANCE OR GIFT (in anticipation of death):-**

- Personal Identification such as a passport
- Inventory in English with individual values beside each item
- Copy of Will or notarised estate document
- Copy of death certificate
- A signed statement from the donor or Executor of the estate giving reason for the gift (could be subject to duties and taxes)
- All shipments entering Canada are subject to inspection by Canada Customs.





## **AUTOMOBILES**

- All cars must be built and manufactured to Canadian specifications. They must show the required labels.
- Modifications after the vehicle has been built are not accepted and the importation will be denied.
- All storage and disposal fees are the responsibility of the importer.
- Automobiles require registration and proof of ownership to be presented at time of Customs clearance.
- All automobiles will be inspected by the Department of Agriculture.
- All automobiles have to comply with Canadian safety standards or they CANNOT be imported into Canada. The only exceptions to this rule are vehicles and buses manufactured before January 1, 1971.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Weapons (except as stated above), explosives, fireworks and all ammunition
- Narcotic drugs
- Animal products on the endangered species list
- Plants, sand and other related matter require a Phytosanitary Certificate and Import Permit issued in advance by The Department of Agriculture
- Some fruits and vegetables are prohibited

**NOTE: INCLUSION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS IN THE SHIPMENT WILL DELAY CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND RESULT IN ADDITIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE CUSTOMER**

## **DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS**

- Importation of alcohol requires a detailed list (giving type, size, and quantity) and an Import Permit must be obtained prior to importation. Provincial and federal duties and taxes will be assessed.
- DO NOT ship wine between October 1 and March 31 to avoid possibility of freezing.
- Tobacco products.
- Foodstuffs in reasonable quantities are permitted.
- Meat - Authorization must be granted before import.
- Pornographic materials.
- New items (Customer must supply Bill of Sale for any new item which may be questioned by the Customs office)
- Radio equipment (CB's and walkie-talkies).
- Office equipment (even if used).
- Handguns require a permit (but are very seldom granted).
- Pistols, revolvers or fully automatic firearms are not permitted for sporting purposes and require a Police Permit.
- Hunting rifles or shotguns for sporting purposes (that are not adapted) are not restricted.
- No restrictions apply on air pistols or air rifles provided the muzzle velocity does not exceed 500 feet per second.
- Any one item valued at \$10,000 or over is dutiable.



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- **PETS**
- All pets require an International Health and Inoculation Certificate and Inspection by the Department of Agriculture.
- Dogs, birds, livestock, and horses three months old or older from the United States can be imported provided they are accompanied by a certificate signed and dated by a veterinarian, showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies within the last year. Pets must be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to entry.
- The certificate must identify the animal by breed, age, sex, color, and any distinguishing marks. Quarantine will be required for some types of animals.
- Length depends on the type of animal and country of origin.

