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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Used household goods & personal effects (non-Singaporean)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing inventory in English. ▪ Copy of Bill of Lading (Express release or originals) / Air waybill. ▪ Photocopy of owner's passport (picture/detail pages). ▪ Employments pass: (front and back page QR code must be readable) ▪ For GST Relief entry. Not more than 6 months from date of issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment pass application, acknowledgement letter from Ministry of Manpower with a letter from employer OR Approved-in-Principle letter from Ministry of Manpower, will suffice if actual employment pass is not in-hand. ▪ GST Relief must be claimed within six months of owners' official arrival in Singapore. ▪ GST (Goods & Service Tax), if applicable, is 9% of shipper's declared value of goods (used value – NOT insured value). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Owner of goods doesn't need to be in Singapore to clear goods if all paperwork completed in advance with copy of passport. ▪ Shipments can be cleared without employment pass if owner is willing to pay GST. Shipper must declare, "used value" for GST assessment. ▪ Normal clearance time for FCL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ sea shipments is 3 working days, ▪ air shipments – 2 working days, ▪ LCL shipments up to 5 working days.
Used household goods & personal effects (Singapore Nationals or Permanent Resident)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above. ▪ NRIC copy (front and back page) ▪ Re-Entry Permit Copy (for permanent resident) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GST relief, if goods are all for personal use and owner has lived abroad for more than six months (date of leave for overseas assignment). ▪ Proof of employment outside Singapore. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proof of employment outside Singapore may be through work or resident visa or immigration endorsements from origin country for Customs verification.
Diplomatic removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing inventory in English. ▪ Copy of Bill of lading (Express release or originals) / Air waybill. ▪ Verification in writing from Embassy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Embassy's verification, with authorised signatory. ▪ Duty exemption entry. 	
Automobiles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration Certificate from origin country. ▪ Insurance papers. ▪ Owner's passport. ▪ Inward declaration permit. ▪ Customs duty payment receipt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import is subject to securing a Certificate of Entitlement in open bidding at market rates. ▪ Customs duty is 20% of market value. ▪ Additional Registration fee (ARF) is 110% of the market value. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import of cars is strictly discouraged, unless for diplomatic use. ▪ DO NOT SHIP without first sending the relevant paperwork.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of Compliance with Exhaust Emission Control Standard. ▪ Temporary certificate of entitlement (COE). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car over 3 years old are not allowed to be imported. 	
Motorcycles (Import strongly discouraged unless for diplomatic use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as for automobiles. ▪ Must comply with exhaust emission standard specified in the USA code of federal regulations (40 cfr 86.410-80) and prior to registration must produce certificate of compliance issued by manufacturers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs duty is 12% of market value. ▪ ARF (Additional Registration Fee) is 15% of the market value. ▪ COE required as with automobiles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above.
Firearms (including air-rifles and guns), drugs and narcotics, radio transmitters, pornography, martial art weapons of any kind		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation of illicit drugs is subject to imprisonment and death penalty. ▪ Prescription drugs are permitted with doctor's certificates.
Swords, knives (ornamental only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permit, issued by Arms & Explosive Authority. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Items will be examined by authority. Owner physical address must be given.
Swords and large knives (ornamental – weapons appearance)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Arms & Explosive Authority must issue permit prior to release by Customs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Misdeclaring contents to avoid licensing is forbidden.
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be listed in import application with number of bottles, type of alcohol, per cent alcohol and volume (manufacturer name, if available). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol beverages may be imported in reasonable quantity for own consumption. ▪ Shipper has to declare accurately and pay customs duties and current GST (tax) before shipment clears customs. ▪ Duty rates are based on current estimated exchange rates and import duties. Subject to change. ▪ Due to the high customs duties, it is best to discourage shipper from including any liquor in the used household goods shipment. If included, it must be packed together and

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			<p>declared on Alcohol list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In addition to duties and taxes being applicable to imported alcohol, there is also an 'alcohol permit fee'. ▪ Customs use powerful X-Ray scanner able to detect liquors. If falsely declared or without declaring, shipper may be subjected to customs duties and severe heavy penalty for evading taxes. It is a serious offence in Singapore.
<p>Video tapes, laser discs, video discs (visual)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detailed listing of all titles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import is allowed but subject to screening by authorities prior to release. ▪ Charges for screening are approximately US\$ 4.00 per hour per tape. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Generally, cartoons and other children's tapes are passed over from screening. ▪ Nudity, strong language, culturally insensitive subject matter is more likely to be edited. Editing charges are additional.
<p>Prohibited items</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chewing gum (except approved oral dental and medicated gum by HSA) ▪ Chewing tobacco and imitation tobacco products (e.g. electronic cigarettes, ...) ▪ Shisha ▪ Cigarette lighters of pistol or revolver shape ▪ Controlled drugs and psychotropic substances ▪ Endangered species of wildlife and their by-products ▪ Firecrackers ▪ Obscene articles, publications, video tapes/discs and software ▪ Reproduction of copyright publications, video tapes, video compact discs, laser discs, records or cassettes ▪ Seditious and treasonable materials ▪ It is an offence if you attempt to bring any of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You are not allowed to bring in goods that are prohibited under Singapore laws. ▪ The list of prohibited goods includes (but not limited to) the items listed in this document. ▪ It is an offence if you attempt to bring any of the items listed above into Singapore.

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		<p>the items listed above into Singapore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-bike/E-scooter (except when intended to register at LTA/ONE). 	



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