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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Customs Form 3299 (Importer's Declaration), Inventory of goods, Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill U.S. Customs Service Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects. 	Duty free if : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removal goods consist of used household effects which have been in the owner's use and possession abroad for at least one year and they are for the continued use of the owner in his new residence 	Customs form 3299 should be completed by owner prior to shipment of his goods and should accompany shipping documents to avoid demurrage and speed customs clearance.
Diplomatic goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for diplomatic privilege <ol style="list-style-type: none"> through Consulate and U.S. Department of State or Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill. 	Duty free entry - no inspection of goods.	The request for free diplomatic entry must be initiated by importer's U.S. Consulate or United Nations Mission's Office.
Wedding trousseaux.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate declaration on reverse side of customs form 3299. 	Liable to assessment of customs duties.	
Inheritance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant extract of the Will or copy of Probate from Court if deceased died intestate. Copy of inventory. 	Liable to assessment of duty.	If goods were used by the inheritor as a child in deceased's home and are not intended for resale here, a letter of circumstances to this effect can often serve to gain duty free entry.
New furniture, household goods and souvenirs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales invoice showing item, price, date and place of purchase. 	If owner cannot prove purchase was made at least one year prior to import, goods are subject to various rates of duty.	

Works of Art, Antiques.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antiques require production of a certificate of antiquity showing approximate date of production. U. S. Customs has the right to order antiques to U.S. Customs appraisers' stores for an independent appraisal. 	Articles must be at least 100 years old to be considered antique and admitted duty free. Works of art are duty free if they constitute part of household goods removal, possessed by owner for at least one year and are not intended for resale.	Antiques and works of art imported into the U. S. for resale are subject to different regulations.
Jewellery and precious metal.		Silverware and ornaments are duty free when imported as part of normal household goods.	Jewellery must not be included with household goods but should accompany owner on arrival.
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Computers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See removal goods. Specify on inventory, make, model, serial number, value, country of manufacture and where located in shipment. (ex. lift van - rear of container etc...). 	<p>Liable to assessment of duty.</p> <p>Computers which are deemed counterfeit or privated will be confiscated by US Customs.</p>	<p>Is to be placed within shipment, so that US Customs have easy access.</p> <p>Remarks : applicable either when imported as part of removal or as personal luggage.</p>
Motor vehicles including motorcycles,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1968 and later model year gas fueled autos (1975 for diesels) must have engine plate showing auto meets very strict U.S. emission and safety standards. This is 	<p>Current rate of duty is 2-3/4% of value appraised by Customs.</p> <p>Returned American autos can be admitted</p>	<p>Autos not meeting U.S. emission requirements should not be considered for import as bonding cost (25 to 100% of value of vehicle) and conversion costs can often cost more than value of auto. Time frame in which to comply to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> safety standards: 120 days emission standards: 90 days <p>If these time frames are not respected, car has to be re-exported, could be confiscated, destroyed, and/or a fine up to US \$10.000 could be imposed.</p>

caravans and trailers.	<p>strictly monitored,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of ownership • Steam cleaning certificate. 	free of duty if owner can supply copy of U.S. purchase invoice or export Bill of Lading.	<p>Strongly suggest contacting for safety standards :</p> <p>U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Administration Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NES-32, 407th Street S.W., Washington, DC20590.</p> <p>Emission standards : U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air, Noise & Radiation, Washington, DC 20460</p> <p>prior to shipment, for particular current regulations.</p> <p>IMPORTANT</p> <p>Non-conforming vehicles should be shipped separately so that they don't delay the clearance of the removals.</p>
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Boats	Not subject to above emission rules.	Duty free if part of household goods, owned at least one year and not for re-sale.	
Wine and alcoholic beverages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive inventory, • Licence may be required. 	Subject to various rates of duty and taxes.	Do not recommend importing. Some states prohibit entry and Customs will confiscate.
Plants and food.		Subject to strict inspection and confiscation rules.	Suggest exclusion.
Firearms and dangerous goods.	Registration certificate and state licence. Firearms must be registered with the local Police department.	Hand guns should be imported directly through licensed gun dealers.	Explosives and other dangerous goods are either prohibited or require special permits.
Pets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of innoculation. 	Birds subject to quarantine period.	Make prior telex arrangements with U.S. agent for meeting plane on arrival, clearing, and kennel placement.
Pornographic material, unprocessed furs, skins.		Importation prohibited.	
Narcotics, drugs, Incitements.		Importation prohibited.	