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| <p>Immigrants</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original passport of consignee and spouse. ▪ English packing list, without values (from Origin agent (O/A)). ▪ Power of Attorney authorizing destination agent (D/A) to clear shipment (provided by D/A). ▪ Declaration for customs (provided by D/A) showing values of all items, giving make, serial number and appliance manufacturer's name, whether old or new (to be prepared and signed at the D/A's office). ▪ Invoices for newly purchased items (less than 12 months old). ▪ Rental contract or other proof of residence in Israel for a 1-year minimum. ▪ New Immigrant Booklet "Teudat Oleh" of consignee and spouse. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Immigrants are entitled to 3 tax free importations of household goods and personal effects within 3 years of arrival. In order to utilize this privilege, consignee must have a new immigrant booklet (Teudat Oleh). ▪ Duty free entry for all personal and household goods. ▪ Electrical appliances: only one of each household appliance permitted plus 2 computers and 2 TV's per family. ▪ Communication Equipment, Sporting Equipment and Outdoor Furniture may be subject to duties and taxes ▪ Carpets for new immigrant - Permitted duty free entry : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 25% size of flat ▪ 75% if wall to wall carpeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consignee can immigrate from country A and import from country B. ▪ Date of arrival is the date of first entry into Israel as marked in the "Teudat Oleh" booklet issued upon arrival. ▪ Number of duty free shipments limited to three (3) within 3 years of arrival. ▪ Lease contact for flat must be minimum of one year. ▪ Shipment of a car and professional tools are not counted as one of the three shipments allowed. ▪ Expiration of rights: goods must arrive at port of entry not later than 3 years from the date of arrival. ▪ No items brought for other people are allowed. |
| <p>Israeli Citizens who lived abroad less than 2 years</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear copy of picture page of Israeli Passport. ▪ English packing list, without values (From O/A). ▪ Power of Attorney authorizing destination | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Israeli citizens who lived abroad for less than 2 years do not qualify for a tax exempt importation of personal effects/household goods. The shipment will be taxed by Israeli Customs based on its tariff (Customs duties | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For a "returning import" consignee must obtain the papers with the ORIGINAL Customs stamp, not a copy. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> agent to clear shipment (provided by D/A). ▪ Declaration for customs (provided by D/A) showing values of all items, giving make, serial number and appliance manufacturer's name, whether old or new (to be prepared and signed at the D/A's office). ▪ Optional: EUR-1 or Certificate of Origin for newly purchased items. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include also VAT charged on the value and Sales Tax). ▪ If consignee did a formal export when he left Israel (e.g. via a certified International Mover or Freight Forwarder) and the Original Export Documents are found in that company's archives, than all that is on the export list that matches the import list can be imported tax free. This is called a "returning import." | |
| Israelis who lived abroad more than 2 years | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English packing list, without values on it. ▪ Clear copy of picture page of consignee and spouse's passport. ▪ Confirmed "returning resident" status. ▪ Proof of Residence in Israel. ▪ Invoices for newly purchased items (less than 12 months old). ▪ Power of Attorney authorizing destination agent to clear shipment (Provided by D/A). ▪ Declaration for customs (provided by D/A) showing values of all items, giving make, serial number and appliance manufacturer's name, whether old or new (to be prepared and signed at the D/A's office). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If consignee is an Israeli citizen, who lived abroad more than 2 years and sum of visits each year did not exceed 120 days, he/she may be eligible for 'Returning Citizens' status. ▪ Consignee must obtain "returning resident" status via link on the internet when s/he is in Israel. ▪ If the internet link does not work s/he must visit the customs house near his/her place of residence and bring his/her Israeli passport, spouse's passport, ID card (Teudat Zehut) and proof of residence (Rental contract, ownership contract, city tax bill etc.). ▪ Once Israeli Customs confirms "Returning Resident" status, consignee may import personal effects and household goods tax free, including 1 of each household appliances plus 2 computers and 2 TV's per family. ▪ Some items may not be exempted at all, including Alcohol, food, Communication equipment (phones, fax machines etc.). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expiration of rights: goods must arrive at port of entry not later than 9 months from the date of arrival. |

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| Religious individual (A-3 status) (Minister, Priest, Theological Student) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same procedure as persons entering under B-1 status including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status (A-3-) stamped in passport by Customs authorities ▪ Letter from place of service ▪ Bank guarantee or deposit. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A-3 visa needs to pay a deposit or a bank guarantee, which will be released or paid back once he leaves Israel and sends the household goods back. |
| Tourists (B-2) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No duty free rights. All goods imported are subject to Customs duty. | |
| Foreign Workers (B-1 Visa) Work Visa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English Packing List, without values. ▪ Original Passport, already stamped with B-1 Visa. ▪ Israeli Customs Forms & Power of Attorney (filled in Israel). ▪ Letter from employer, confirming that client will be working for him in Israel. ▪ Document required for clearance from consignee's EMPLOYER in Israel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORIGINAL Bank Guarantee documents, signed by the issuing bank. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unlike most countries in the world, where Work Permit/Visa entitles consignee to import his personal effects tax-free, in Israel the procedure is different. ▪ Consignee's employer will have to provide a bank guarantee in the amount of duties levied by Israeli Customs, in order to clear the shipment in lieu of paying taxes. This guarantee will have to be renewed every year and can be revoked only when goods are exported out of Israel. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The guarantee covers Israeli Customs duties and taxes only, and does not cover other port related charges like NVOCC handling charges, cargo terminal charges and <u>wharfage</u> fee. |
| Diplomats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English Packing List, without values. ▪ Clear copy of passport. ▪ Clear copy of diplomat's ID card. ▪ Power of Attorney from Embassy (one time per Embassy). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats are entitled to tax-free importation of personal effects, once a tax exemption franchise is obtained by the body (e.g. embassy, consulate or organization) in which the diplomat serves. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The exemption covers Israeli Customs duties and taxes only, and does not cover other port related charges like NVOCC handling charges, cargo terminal charges and wharfage fee. ▪ There are restrictions on importing alcohol for diplomats and as all of them are released with tax exemption, there not duties either. We recommend not to import more than 30-40 bottles to avoid more complicated customs clearance that require a permit from the wine department in the Israeli Standard Institute. We recommend to |

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| | | | consult with your local destination agent (D/A) prior to shipping. |
| Inheritances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inheritance papers issued by Israeli Court. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No special privileges. Taxes and duties will be charged. | |
| Tools for professional purposes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valued packing list. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If consignee is new immigrant or “returning resident”, s/he will have to leave a bank guarantee in lieu of paying taxes for equipment valued up to \$36,000. Within 6 months will have to present to Customs proof of opening a business using this equipment. Customs will then refund the bank guarantee. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importer must prove they are essential to his profession. |
| Liquors, cigarettes | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of full duties and taxes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are no restrictions on importing alcohol for diplomats and as all of them are released with tax exemption, there are not duties either. We recommend not to import more than 30-40 bottles to avoid more complicated customs clearance that require a permit from the wine department in the Israeli Standard Institute. We recommend to consult with your local destination agent (D/A) prior to shipping |
| Motorcars, other motor vehicles, caravans, trailers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Document proving registration in importer’s name. ▪ Insurance document. ▪ Purchase invoice. ▪ Valid driver’s license. ▪ Proof of payment. ▪ Carfax (US, Canada). ▪ COC (Europe). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New immigrants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will pay taxes of ~ 77% of value of car plus shipping. ▪ Car must arrive at POE within 3 years from consignee’s date of arrival. ▪ Only one car can be imported. ▪ Import permit is required before shipping. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicle importing is potentially complicated and should be coordinated with DA before shipping to confirm if possible to import as there are age and other restrictions. ▪ All cars should comply with the Israeli Institute of standards. ▪ Shipper should check with D/A by faxing registration details of car. |

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| Pets | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate for all normal inoculations. | | |
| Firearms, ammunitions, explosives, dangerous chemicals, drugs, devices fuelled by natural gas | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms: special authorisation has to be applied for to Ministry of Interior prior to shipping. ▪ Gas BBQ grills require a permit from the Standards Institute. |



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