

# BRITANNIA MOVERS INTERNATIONAL PLC

## GUIDE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL EFFECTS- AUSTRALIA



### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS IMPORTED BY OWNER-REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY

Household and related effects can be imported free of duty and GST (Goods and Services Tax) provided all the of the requirements listed below are met:

- you must have recently travelled or intend to travel to Australia; and
- the goods must be your own personal property; and
- you must have owned and used the items for 12 months or more\*

Goods that are owned for less than 12 months will be subject to duty and GST assessment.

\*Personal clothing, footwear and grooming items (excluding fur apparel and perfume concentrates) do not need to be owned and used for 12 months if you are a permanent resident. **Exception to the rule is the State of Western Australia.** Customs are charging for all items declared under 12 months. For further information on this please contact your local Britannia member office.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO IMPORT ITEMS AS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL EFFECTS

- a migrant who is coming to Australia to take up permanent residence for the first time
- a person returning to resume permanent residence
- temporary residents
- a returning Australian citizen
- an Australian citizen who is residing overseas that has returned to Australia temporarily

Unaccompanied personal effects **DO NOT** include the following items:

- motor vehicles
- motor vehicle parts

- commercial goods
- alcohol and tobacco products

### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS IMPORTED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE OWNER

Goods may be cleared ahead of the arrival of the owner. Britannia's destination agents will be able to pre-clear consignments imported via sea freight as the "nominate".

Airfreight consignments will require a nominated family member or a friend to clear your goods, they are required to produce your completed B534 form (see below Required Documentation), packing list and shipping documents. They must also provide 100 points of evidence of identity\* for both the importer and the nominated person undertaking the clearance. Your local Britannia representative will be able to provide further details.

\*The 100 points of identification will need to include at least one primary document (passport or related document, Australian Citizenship certificate or a full birth certificate) and one form of photo identification. All identity documents must be originals.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be presented to Customs to clear your goods:

- a completed Unaccompanied Personal Effects Statement (B534 form)
- 100 points of Evidence of Identity (EOI) including at least one primary document
- a detailed packing list of all the goods
- an Arrival Notice or Delivery Advice (sea cargo) or Air Waybill (air cargo) (supplied by Britannia)

### INHERITANCE, DECEASED ESTATES

Inherited or deceased estates maybe imported into Australia free of duty and GST tax providing the following is presented:

- statutory Declaration (Statutory Declaration is obtained in Australia prior to Customs inspection)
- copy of will or copy of relevant part of will
- copy of Death Certificate (maybe requested by Customs)
- inventory, Customs B534 Unaccompanied Personal Effects Statement and 100 points of evidence of Identity
- duty free entry provided legatee is permanently domiciled in Australia and will not use the goods for trade business purposes

### ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

Duty free concessions that apply to alcohol and tobacco products that you carry with you when you arrive in Australia do not apply to unaccompanied goods. Alcohol and tobacco products that are imported with your unaccompanied personal effect consignment will be subject to duty, GST and/or Wine Equalisation Tax (WET). If you decide to import alcohol or tobacco products, Britannia will provide a specific inventory form to list quantities/volume/brand/alcoholic percentage.

### AUSTRALIAN QUARANTINE AND INSPECTION SERVICE (AQIS)

All consignments imported into Australia are subject to inspection by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). There are strict controls on the importation of all plant and animal products and your shipment will be subjected to screening which will take place at an approved AQIS facility. We recommend that

you allow up to 14 working days for clearance through AQIS. Clients will be charged in accordance with the time taken to carry out the process. Where fumigation or cleaning required there will be an additional cost for this. If any item or consignment has to be destroyed the client will also be charged by AQIS for the process to take place.

#### INDICATION OF QUARANTINE CHARGES

FCL 20"	\$400.00AUD
FCL 40"	\$720.00AUD
Groupage	\$25.00 per Cbm with a minimum of \$150.00AUD

Rates above are GST applicable at 10%

#### FIREARM AND WEAPON IMPORTATION

The importation of firearms and weapons is strictly controlled and a Police permit to import is required to import (see Useful Contacts for further information).

#### PROHIBITED ARTICLES

The following are examples of goods that are prohibited. They should not be imported:

*Articles manufactured from wildlife (including but not limited to)*

- elephants, rhinoceros, zebras, antelope, deer, reptiles/snakes, whales, dolphins, feathers, coral and members of the cat family

*Weapons (including but not limited to)*

- firearms or parts (including air pistols or air rifles), daggers, ammunition, replica firearms, martial arts equipment, spring bladed knives, knuckle dusters

*Objectionable material (including but not limited to)*

- child pornographic material, child abuse material, material which may promote, incite or instruct in matters of crime or violence or misuse of a drug or sexual material (including bestiality)

*Agriculture Products (including but not limited to)*

- all meat products, fresh fruit and vegetables, seeds, bulbs, honey, egg products, straw, wicker-cane and raw wooden products

#### RESTRICTED ARTICLES

The following goods are prohibited unless a permit is obtained (*including but not limited to*):

- ivory in any form, including jewellery, and carvings (except with \*CITES certificate)
- tortoise or sea turtle shell jewellery, and ornaments (except with CITES certificate)
- most herbs and spices
- dried flowers, pine cones or seeds
- used vacuum cleaner bags
- outside equipment- tents, lawnmowers and gardening tools (**OK to import but must be free of soil and plant material**)
- skins, furs, hunting trophies and animal derived products
- equestrian equipment-saddles etc (**OK to import but will require disinfection treatment**)
- artefacts (antiques) masks, wooden carvings etc

\*CITES-Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

#### WOODEN PACKAGING

All wooden packaging including crates, pallets, over cases and chocks must be stamped with ISPM15 for AQIS purposes. If items do not comply to the above, the items may be destroyed, re-exported, fumigated at the owner expense. If in doubt please ask your local Britannia representative for advice.

#### DESTINATION DELIVERY

All shipments that arrive into Australia be it a sole use container (20"/40" FCL), LCL, groupage or airfreight cannot be delivered straight to the clients residence. All freight must be devanned at our destination partners warehouse for formal inspection by AQIS and Customs before the shipment can be released.

#### USEFUL CONTACTS

##### **Britannia Movers International**

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[sales@britannia-movers.co.uk](mailto:sales@britannia-movers.co.uk)

[www.britannia-movers.co.uk](http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk)

##### **Australian Customs Service**

+61 (2)6275-6666

[information@customs.gov.au](mailto:information@customs.gov.au)

[www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

Weapon Import Information

<http://www.customs.gov.au/site/page4372.asp>

##### **Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS)**

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