



# ACE MOVING

AIR-SEA-TRUCK-RAIL TO DOOR DELIVERY SHIPMENTS  
PACKING-CUSTOMS-WAREHOUSING

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## BHUTAN

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

##### Documents Required

- Copy Passport
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Letter of Employment (must include dates of employment)
- Resident Visa / Work Visa
- Import Permit obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Detailed inventory
- Diplomatic Franchise (Diplomats)
- Receipts of Purchase (if new items are included in the shipment)

##### Specific Information

- All shipments are subject to inspection, except diplomatic shipments.
- Shippers must be present during Customs clearance.
- Returning citizens are exempt from taxes subject to completion and availability of the required documents for entry (Passport, OBL / AWB, Letter of Employment, IKEC, and BSTEC).
- Diplomats, personnel of the United Nations and its agencies, personnel of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Embassy employees with non-diplomatic status may import used household goods duty free.
- The IDEC and BSTEC are issued by the Department of Revenue and Customs in Thimphu upon request and submission of the documents required for entry and import.
- An Import License is required for shipment through the Kolkata Port per treaty between India and Bhutan.
- Household goods and personal effects may be imported in small quantities only.

#### MOTOR VEHICLES

##### Documents Required

- Original Certificate of Title / Registration
- OBL
- Original Purchase Invoice
- Proof of Insurance

##### Specific Information

- Only privileged personnel of foreign diplomatic Missions and international agencies may import or acquire new, used, and second-hand vehicles within 12 months of arrival in Bhutan duty free.
- Contact the destination agent for additional information.

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## PETS

### Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

### Specific Information

- Check with the destination agent for regulations and requirements regarding the importation of pets as transportation options are limited.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Alcohol (2 L; 200% taxes and duties; however, alcohol is available in duty-free shops)
- Cigarettes(20 packs)
- Firearms (permission is required from the Royal Bhutan Army prior to import)
- Second-hand vehicles (only privileged Missions and Embassies may import)
- Drugs (drugs by medical prescription are permitted)
- Electronic goods (photographic equipment, video cameras, etc. are exempt from Customs duties but must be declared upon arrival)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Explosives
- Military equipment
- Pornographic and subversive materials
- Antiques
- All narcotics and drugs (medically-prescribed drugs are permitted)
- All wildlife products, including those from endangered species

## CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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### Helpful Website(s):

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1068.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1068.html)

<http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/nivconsdist.html>

**Note:** Bhutan is a land-locked country with no U.S. Embassy. Consular issues, including assistance to U.S. citizens are handled by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India.

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