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## **XS FACT SHEET: IMPORTING GOODS INTO THE USA**

### **I. Documentation Requirements**

1. **Inventory Declaration (Inventaire-Declaration)** – Three copies on plain paper containing an itemized list of all personal effects and furniture being imported into the USA with a value (typically replacement value) assigned to each item. Ideally the list should include a statement that the goods have been owned and used by the exporting party for at least 6 months.
2. **Passport copy** – A clear copy of the importer of the goods
3. **Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles** – U.S. Customs form 3299 for all individuals seeking the free (duty free) entry of articles imported into the USA.
4. **Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household effects** – U.S. Customs form required only if XS Baggage is arranging the Customs clearance on behalf of an individual or company.
5. **U.S. Customs Power of Attorney form** – U.S. Customs form required only if XS Baggage is arranging the Customs clearance on behalf of an individual or company.
6. **Letter of Employment or Education Letter** – A letter required by U.S. Customs for non-U.S. citizens providing evidence of their reason for moving to the U.S.A., preferably showing their salary in the event of an employment offer.

### **II. Forbidden / Restricted items**

1. **Alcohol** - Residents and non-residents over 21 years of age may bring no more than one liter of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or liquor) to the U.S. duty free.
2. **Firearms** - It is prohibited for Nonimmigrant aliens to import firearms and ammunition to the U.S. There are, however, certain exceptions, e.g. in regards to hunting and government officials. For more detailed information and the downloading of the application for the permit, please

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visit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' website at <http://www.atf.gov/firearms/022002form6updates.htm>.

3. **Food** - You are not allowed to bring fresh fruit or vegetables, or meat products to the U.S. If you plan to bring salmon, it must be smoked and vacuum-packed, raw-spiced (gravad) salmon is not permitted. For further information we refer to the Department of Agriculture at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

### III. Importation allowance and dutiable items

1. **Gifts** - A non-resident may bring gifts totaling \$100 in value to the U.S. duty free. Any gift items over that amount will be dutiable at a rate of 3.0%. As a returning resident, you are entitled to a duty-free exemption for newly purchased goods up to the value of \$800 if the goods accompany you when you arrive in the U.S.
2. **Duty Exemptions for Household and Personal Effects** - You may import furniture, dishes, linens, libraries, artwork and similar household furnishings for your personal use free of duty. To be eligible for duty-free exemption, the articles must have either been available for your use, or used in a household where you were a resident for one year. The year of use does not need to be continuous, nor does it need to be the year immediately before the date of importation.
3. **Professional Equipment/Tools of Trade** - Your professional equipment or tools of trade are entitled to duty-free consideration if they are for your personal use. They do not have to have been in your household for more than 1 year to qualify for this exemption.
4. **Medication** - You may bring medication into the U.S. for **personal use only**. You cannot bring in medicine for friends or family. To be able to bring any kind of medication into the U.S. a doctor's note, or the original prescription, is required. The note must also affirm that the medication is only for your personal use. It is also important to keep the medication in the originally dispensed-container.

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