

KOREA

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Household goods	<p>For all OBL or AWB Copy. Inventory list</p> <p>Foreigners: Passport Copy (Identification & Entry Stamp) from Client and accompanying family members. Work visa, valid at least one year Certificate of Alien Registration (=Residence Card) from Client and accompanying family members, which can be obtained from Immigration Office in Korea.</p> <p>Returning Koreans: Passport Copy from Client and accompanying family members.</p>	<p>Duty free entry: Used household effects, excluding commercial commodities and new high value items.</p> <p>Subject to duties: New furniture 22.5% - 54.8% New Carpet: 24.3% All brand new electrical items (including items used less than 6 months) 20% of Customs assessed value Tobacco products Used or new automobiles, boats, aircrafts, motorcycles Jewels, Upright piano (free if over 6 months old): 20% Grand piano (free if over 6 months old for piano major diploma holder): 20% TV over 50" or a second TV over (29" – 49") Second and next golf club: 8% Second and next ski : 20% Air cleaner: 20%</p>	<p>Goods must arrive at POE/AOE in Korea within 6 months of the owner's arrival. Clearance is supposed to take place at a bonded warehouse. Personal effects cannot be customs cleared prior to the shipper's arrival All incoming shipments excluding diplomatic are subject to open inspection by Korean Customs Authority.</p> <p>For Koreans Evidence of a stay of at least 1 year in a foreign country needs to shown in the passport.</p>
Household goods and vehicle for diplomats	<p>OBL or AWB Copy. Inventory list Application for duty exemption form issued by Foreign Affairs Ministry of Korea. Proof of ownership Automobile title. Original purchase receipt or invoice. Insurance policy.</p>	<p>Customs duty exemption for vehicles, showing Frame Number (or chassis Nr.) Engine Number Model, type</p>	<p>The vehicle cannot be sold or transferred to non diplomatic individual for three (3) years, however, sale or transfer between diplomatic individuals is authorized. In case of sale or transfer to non diplomatic individual within three (3) years, customs duty/tax shall be charged by the Korean Customs. The vehicle must be listed on the inventory</p>

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Precious metal objects		Subject to payment of duties.	
Presents, souvenirs		Subject to payment of duties for high valued items.	
Antiques, works of art		Duty free entry unless they are national treasures.	
Vehicle, motorcycle & mechanical equipment	Original Title . Original Registration Certificate. Original Purchase Receipt or Invoice. Insurance policy (Original or Copy).	Subject to payment of duties.	Vehicle must be listed on the inventory with full technical specifications (make, model, plat n°, year, etc.). In order to register & to drive in South Korea, the vehicle must undergo the following Government Tests without fail. . Emission Gas Level Test . Noise and Vibration Test . Type and Model Approval
Prohibited items		Drugs. Firearms (can only be imported with a special permit from the proper Korean authority). Ammunition. Pornographic material. Imitation of bank notes and coins.	
Wine, alcohols		Duty free for: According to the Korean Customs one bottle of wine or spirit per adult For exceeding quantities, the following Customs duty/tax rates apply based on Customs assessed value: Wine : 68.25 % Cognac : 144.9% Whiskey : 155.5% Beer : 210.31%	
Food		Duty free entry for small amounts. Subject to payment of 20% duty if total amount	

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		is too large as part of household goods.	
Plants, vegetables	Quarantine certificate of the entrance administration office of airport.	Duty free entry.	
Pets	Dogs and cats: Health certificate, less than 7 days old from origin country. Certificate of rabies vaccination, injected at least 30 days prior to departure and less than 1 year at origin country. Birds: Health certificate, less than 7 days old from origin country. For parrots, CITES documents have to be prepared at origin and destination countries.	Duty free entry.	Dogs and cats – will be released only after being inspected by an animal quarantine official at the airport of entry. If the customs documents are prepared properly, dogs/cats can be released within 24 hours. As it normally takes about 5-6 hours from arrival at AOE Incheon to delivery residence in Seoul, please arrange the airplane which lands at AOE in the morning time during weekdays. Birds – 5 days of quarantine.
Firearms, pistols, rifles, explosives, swords, drugs, narcotics		Special official permit	
Prohibited Goods		Pornographic materials, forged notes, pirated editions, counterfeits etc.	

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