

# Turkmenistan Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Copy of visa
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Letter from embassy to Customs committee (diplomats)
- Diplomatic note approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Copy of diplomatic card (diplomats)
- Pro-forma invoice (foreigners and returning citizens)
- Letter of employment (foreigners)
- Customs declaration blank form (to be completed at Customs)

### Specific Information

- Foreigners must pay USD \$5.00 / hour for Customs service.
- Turkmen citizens are not permitted to import household goods and personal effects on a temporary import basis and must pay full Customs taxes and duties.
- A pre-alert with copies of all documents should be sent 10 days prior to the arrival of the shipment to avoid

payment of heavy import duties.

## **Motor Vehicles**

### **Documents Required**

- Permission of Operation Department of Ashgabad Customs Office
- Insurance documentation
- OBL / AWB
- Inspection by state vehicle inspection
- Receipt of plates from state vehicle inspection
- Driving manual for the vehicle
- Temporary / permanent import declaration
- Permission from trans-inspection (diplomats and foreigners)
- Certificate of standard of state (diplomats and foreigners)
- Temporary import declaration (diplomats and foreigners)

### **Specific Information**

- The permanent importation of vehicles is subject to full Customs taxes and duties per fixed Customs tariff (foreigners).
- Vehicles can be imported on a temporary basis with a Customs duty payment of \$25.00 + \$5 per hour for Customs services (foreigners).
- The sale of a vehicle temporarily imported is restricted (foreigners).

## **Pets**

### **Documents Required**

- Certificate of vaccination
- Veterinary health certificate

### **Specific Information**

- Permission from CITES is required for the importation of endangered species.

## **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- Precious jewelry, stones and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared

with Customs authorities at the airport.

- Wine and spirits for personal consumption (1L per person)
- The following items may be qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), cigarillos (100), tobacco (500 g)
- Amounts in excess of limits for free import are subject to duties and taxes as follows:
  - US \$ 1.00 per liter excise duty
  - Up to 30% of value Customs duty (depending on the % of alcohol)
  - 15% of the value of the value added tax (VAT)
  - 0.2% of value Customs procedures duty
- Hunting weapons (authorization from the Ministry of Interior required)

## Prohibited Items

- Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic and radioactive materials

## Consignment Instructions

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

### Helpful Website(s):

<http://turkmenistanembassy.org>

<http://turkmenistan.usembassy.gov/index.html>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/turkmenistan.html>

## Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Turkmenistan](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Turkmenistan](#)