

Brunei Darussalam Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Residence visa
- Detailed, valued inventory
- Letter of employment
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / telex release / air waybill (AWB)
- Diplomatic franchise (diplomats)

Specific Information

- Used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty-free.
 - Shipment is subject to the payment of Customs duties if new items are found.
- Fumigation is not required for shipments into Brunei Darussalam.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Approval letter from Brunei Land Transport Department
- Approval from Brunei Customs

- Invoice
- Copy of owner of the goods' passport

Specific Information

- Only Bruneian / permanent residents that are working / studying abroad are allowed to import used vehicles into Brunei.
- The vehicle must be under the owner of the goods' name for at least 12 months.
- The vehicle must not exceed 5 years old at time of importation.
- The owner of the goods must be in Brunei at time of importation.
- Owner of the goods must notify the Brunei Customs and seek approval for duty exemption before importation.
 - Once approval is obtained, the owner of the goods must have an approval permit issued by Customs before time of importation.
- Duty exemption will only be given once.
- After the importation of the vehicle, the owner of the goods is not allowed to change the ownership within four years from the date of approval given.
 - Only diplomats are exempted from this regulation prior to approvals from their local embassies.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit issued by Brunei Agriculture Department
- Export permit issued by origin country
- Invoice (for Customs purposes only)

Specific Information

- All pets are subject to quarantine.
 - The length of time varies and depends on the country from which the animal is imported.
- All pets are subject to approval for import from the Brunei Agriculture Department
- The import permit and documents required must be obtained prior to import.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- The following items require the permission of the Controller of Customs:
 - Publication and printed materials, such as film, CD, VCD, LD, DVD, cassettes
 - Satellite receiver
 - Any religious publication, any written 'Quranic' verses
 - Fresh, chilled, and frozen meat
 - Any living plant, planting materials
 - Any living animals and all parts of animals under CITES article
 - Live animals, aquatic marine, breeding prawn food
 - Timber and timber product
 - Health food, snacks, beverages, medicines, traditional medicines, chemicals, and radioactive materials
 - Antiques or articles of historical nature made or discovered in Brunei
 - All used / reconditioned vehicles with or without engine
 - Telecommunication and radio communication apparatus
 - The order, insignias, medals, badges, and decoration instituted by statues of His Majesty The Sultan
 - Ice, sugar, salt, rice paddy, and products thereof
 - Mineral water and building materials
 - Gases that depletes the ozone layer (ODS) used especially in servicing and maintaining air conditioners, refrigeration, vehicles, and fire extinguishers
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Motorcars, motorcycles, lorries, omnibuses including mini buses, tractors, and trailers
 - Poisons and deleterious drugs

Prohibited Items

- Dangerous drugs
- Fire arms, ammunitions, explosives, fireworks, any dangerous weapon, and scrap iron
- Cigarettes without health warning written on their packaging

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://www.bruneiembassy.org>

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

<http://brunei.usembassy.gov/>

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Brunei Darussalam](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Brunei Darussalam](#)