**DESTINATION: China**

*This document will help you prepare for your upcoming move by giving you details on current customs regulations, customs clearance, quarantine and other practical information. We are in constant contact with China customs authorities and are able to update the information listed below regularly. However, customs regulations can change quickly; therefore, this information can only be supplied as a guideline. Please check with your nearest customs authority office should you require clarification of customs details.*

**CUSTOMS INFORMATION (Including Tax and Duty Information)**

Allowable Shipments:

Two shipments arrived by different mode of transport will be allowed.

Personal Effects:

Customs Duties - Personal effects are subject to Chinese duty. Some items in the shipment may be imported

duty free subject to customs granting duty free import on those items.

Any alcohol/wine is NOT permitted to import into north China. Major electrical appliances, CD's are highly

dutiable. General Duty rates as per attachment:

Pet to Beijing:

Each pet must go to official quarantine for one month after arrival. Home quarantine normally is not permitted.

Please check with CWW Beijing firstly.

Shanghai

The Chinese Customs restricted the import of satellite antenna and parts in the household shipment; Chinese

Customs might confiscate these items if found in the shipment.

Copying machine is not allowed be included in the household shipment. Customs will confiscate the item.

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**Customs Information**

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**behest of customs)**:

**Below restricted items do also have amount restrictions**. **ALWAYS CHECK WITH**

**US ON AMOUNT ALLOWABLE.**

Motorcycles

Grand pianos (unless the owner is a piano player or specialist and can provide supporting

documents)

Satellite antenna and parts

Copying machines

All live animal and stuffed animals on the endangered species list, animal specimens

Radio controlled toys

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**international shipments should be discouraged to ship food products)**

Food items that MAY be allowed **(Please clarify volume and type, we will check with customs):**

Milk powder, baked goods, canned goods, boxed sealed goods, bottled sauces/liquids, spices, any packaged

edibles.

Liquid items are discouraged being from placed in air shipment. (prohibited)

Pet Food (both canned and bagged)

Liquid items in air shipment.

**Please see further below the China Prohibited Items....**

**For Foreign Expats OR Returning Overseas Chinese with Permanent Foreign**

**Residence Permit**

**Import duty**

All household and personal effects shipments are subject to import duties.

Electrical Appliances and related items:

- 20% of customs assessed value

**CD, DVDs & VCDs**: - First 300 CDs/LCDs or first 200 VCDs/DVDs are free on

shipments with import permit; **after that RMB25.00 per disc.**

Furniture: - 10% of customs assessed value

Lamps: - 10% of customs assessed value

Food: - 10% of customs assessed value

Camera & Lens: - 20% of customs assessed value

Golf set: - 30% of customs assessed value

Alcohol & Wines: - At least RMB 50 per bottle for less than 12% alcohol content (<= 750ml per bottle), Maximum 50 bottles

- At least RMB 250 per bottle for more than 12% alcohol content (<= 750ml per

bottle)

**Documents required for customs clearance:**

It is a necessary to apply an Import Permit for customs clearance. Therefore, do NOT

dispatch shipment until we confirm that following documents are available, for the

application of Import Permit:

**To Foreigner:**

\* Original passport

\* Original Residence Permit authorized by local Public Security Bureau (valid more than 1

year)

\* Original Work Permit approved by local Labor Bureau if have

\* Completed 'Application Form for Import of Personal Effects with company in Shanghai's

stamp

\* Packing list copy

\* exchanged OBL from shipping line/copy of AWB

**To Chinese holding overseas permanent residence visa:**

\* Original passport

\* Original Residence Permit authorized by local Public Security Bureau (valid more than 1

year)

\* Original Work permit

\* Completed 'Application Form for Import of Personal’

\* Packing list copy

\* exchanged OBL from shipping line/copy of AWB

RapidWorld will assist to apply the Import Permit for residence permit issued by Shanghai Public

Security Bureau. If it is given by other city's legal organization, the company will have to

apply the Import Permit at the city where they are registered.

**Special customs clearance for AIR shipments at Shanghai airport only**

We may clear air shipments which chargeable weight is less than 400 kgs without import

permit.

However, max 50 books and 100 CDs/VCDs/DVDs can be included in the air shipment.

First 10/3 sets of books can be duty free, but after that duty will be RMB 2/book and RMB

25/disc.

Medicine, Food, furniture and big electric applicants are not allowed to put in this air

shipment. Only daily items can be cleared by this way.

Meanwhile, following documents are required and another CNY 1600 will be charged back

to origin offices.

\* Client's passport copy with photo and personal information

\* Client's passport copy with valid Chinese visa (not the page with residence permit, but F/L

visa)

\* Client's latest immigration chop

\* copy of packing list

\* copy of AWB

\* original 'China Customs Baggage Declaration Form for incoming passengers' endorsed at

Shanghai airport (see attachment)

In short, we highly recommend origin office can provide us survey list to check before

packing.

**Notes:**

The Chinese customs regulation allows foreigners to import their household shipment

Once only. If a client would like to send a **second AIR/SEA** shipment, we need to apply

from Customs Office to grant permission. If the application is rejected or fails to be

submitted, the 2nd shipment will be fully dutiable.

Is there any way to avoid the fully dutiable on the second arrival? The answer is 'yes'. **BUT**,

both shipments must arrive here closely, because we need both exchanged bill of

lading/AWB here, plus packing list copy and clients' original work permit and residence

permit to apply for the 2 import permits together.

There is an alternative way to avoid this kind of regulation which is clearing the air shipment

by special way but the sea shipment under normal way. Please kindly refer to above

special customs clearance information.

If the partner of the shipper also gets residence permit (valid period no less than one year),

we can consider to consign one shipment under the partner's name. We know the partner

will not have work permit here, but customs allows relative to import one shipment duty free

as well if he/she also got accompanied relative residence permit. AGAIN, the residence

permit should valid no less than 1 year. (lets than 11 month will be rejected. Wife’s permit

validity MUST be less than Husbands)

Therefore, we highly recommend that origin offices await final approval from Shanghai

office before packing takes place.

Please also note that import permits that required for destinations other than Shanghai are

the shippers responsiblility. Shanghai can assist for Suzhou, Wuxi, Nanjing, Wuhan, but

there will be additional charges (approximately RMB 800) as an agents help is required.

**Customs Information for Chinese with Overseas working and studying Visas**

**Import duty**

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**that RMB25.00 per disc.**

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Lamps: - 10% of customs assessed value

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**Books**: - **Total 50 books is allowed to be. First 10**

**books/3 sets are duty free; after that 10% of customs assessed value.**

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content (<= 750ml per bottle). Approximately 20 bottles maximum

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than 12% alcohol content (<= 750ml per bottle)

**Documents required for customs clearance:**

Chinese are not allowed to ship any large furniture or FCL shipments to China. However,

considerable small furniture item can be cleared by customs.

*- For sea shipment* :

\* Original passport

\* Original customs declaration form (pls refer to customs baggage declaration form

attachment)

\* copy of packing list

\* exchanged OBL from Shipping lines

*- For air shipment* :

\* passport copy with overseas working or studying visa

\* Original customs declaration form (pls refer to below attachment)

\* copy of packing list

\* copy of AWB

Automobiles/Motorbikes:

Automobiles are subject to tax. Right hand steered vehicles are not allowed for import. Duty will depend on

engine type and assessed value

will depend on brand. Motorbikes are subject to approx. 150% tax. It is very difficult to obtain road license for

imported motorbikes.

Diplomatic Shipments:

To obtain customs exemption, please mark all diplomatic shipments clearly as "DIPLOMATIC" in all documents

as well as physically marking the

shipment. The destination embassy/organization must obtain Import Permit from customs themselves. The

import permit can only be applied

once shipment has arrived.

Restricted Items:

Excessive amount of electrical items and wine or liquor may require separate clearance instead of clearing as

personal effects. Origin agents

should make sure that they are separately packed, show clearly on the packing inventory and stowed at an

easily accessible place in the container.

A separate list must be provided as per forms attached to this data sheet.

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**update):**

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edibles.

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Pet Food (both canned and bagged)

Food List that need to pass quarantine inspection for inbound shipment.

Prohibited Items:

Firearms, ammunitions, explosives, swords and flick knives.

Publications or material of a pornographic or politically subversive nature (as much penalty as USD120 per item)

Drugs (except prescribed medications accompanied by a copy of the prescription)

Fresh unprocessed foods, plants and trees.

Foods such as Milk products (such as fresh milk, cheese, butter, cream) , meat products and/or any other

unprocessed fresh foods.

Soil, Seeds, nursery stocks and other propagation materials, tobacco leaves, cereal and bean

Genetically modified foods

Liquid items in air shipments are prohibited

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

All Shipments

Do not send household goods shipments consolidated with general cargo shipments under one master bill of

lading or airway bill. Issue one master bill of lading or airway bill for each household goods shipment.

Consolidated shipment results in customs delay.

Send the following to RapidWorld Worldwide Limited offices at destination city as shown in the consignment

instruction:

**FROM ORIGIN AGENT**

Destination Contact details of Consignee

Detailed & Legible packing list

Airway Bill / Bill of Lading

Copy of owner's passport

Official fumigation certificates for wooden crates from USA, Japan & EU origins

**FROM CLIENT AT DESTINATION**

Import permit (we can arrange with following originals: residence card, passport,

work permit, and signed and chopped authorization letter? Form can be provided

by RapidWorld). If expert card instead of work permit, an expert certificate will be

required (this would be issued by the Chinese Expert Bureau).

**FROM CLIENT? COMPANY AT DESTINATION**

Original Business License

Original Customs Registration Certificate

Declaration Form signed by shipper and stamped by shipper? Company in Beijing

(Form provided by RapidWorld at destination)

Authorization Letter signed by shipper and stamped by shipper? company in

Beijing (letter provided by RapidWorld at destination)

Air Shipments

Detail & Legible \_ packing list

\_ Airway bill

\_ Copy of owner's passport

\_ Authorization letter for customs clearance

\_ Fumigation certificates for wooden crates from USA & Japan origins

Surface Shipments

\_ Detail & Legible packing list

\_ Original bill of lading

\_ Copy of owner's passport

\_ Authorization letter for customs clearance

\_ Fumigation certifcates for wooden crates from USA & Japan origins

\_ liftvan loading chart

**CLEARANCE PROCEDURES**

Any questions regarding Chinese Customs Clearance should be directed to the China offices before the

shipment's departure from origin.

**QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS**

Pets:

Each resident is allowed to bring in one pet. A separate import permit issued by customs must be obtained prior to the pets arrival. To obtain such permit, the same documents as for household goods shipments are required in addition to copies of the pet's Health Certificate with name, breed, color and other details must be provide to the RapidWorld Worldwide office at destination one week or earlier before the planned arrival date.

Copy of a recent Vaccination Certificate must be send together with the Health Certificate. The originals of the Health certificate and Vaccination Certificate must be available in China prior to the pet's arrival. Pets can arrive in China as separate air cargo or the owner can accompany them.

A quarantine period is required but in most of the cases, quarantine at residence will be allowed.

Others:

**ALL SHIPMENTS INCLUDING WPM (WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL) AND/OR DUNNAGE MUST HAVE AN**

**IPPC TYPE MARK ON ALL WOOD/DUNNAGE BASED ON YOUR COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS**

**Please do not export any shipment to China without verifying that included Wood Packaging Material**

**(WPM) and dunnage has an IPPC stamp noting your two digit country code and certification number to**

**verify that proper Heat Treatment (HT) has taken place. This mark must be applied to all individual cases,**

**lift vans, pallets and/or dunnage exported. Shipments arriving without the IPPC mark are subject to**

**separation from the WPM at additional cost. All storage and destroy cost will be billed back to origin**

**agent. This will be determined by Chinese Customs and Quarantine officials at the arrival port.**

**USEFUL INFORMATION**

The following checklist will clarify the documents required. Quick Check for Shipment Coming to China.doc

RapidWorld's China Destination Guide contains a wealth of useful information for people relocating to this part of the

world.

Please also find the attached Beijing Customs Import Permit Procedures. This may help to clarify the process

and is meant as general guide only.

For more assistance please contact the destination office regarding our Visa Assistance Services BEIJING