

Vietnam (Southern Region)

Ports: Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
Prohibited: Narcotics, Drugs, Firearms, Explosives, Pornography, Politically Sensitive Materials.
Cont: None

Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco

Required Documents: Inventory with exact number of bottles and type of alcohol and quantity of tobacco.
Customs Regulations: Duties on all at current tariff rate - alcohol is 125 to 150%.
Clearance: Expect some "shrinkage" during clearance process.
Remarks:

Diplomatic Removals

Required Documents: Certificate from the Embassy or Consulate from the Foreign Ministry.
Customs Regulations: Duty free entry for foreign diplomats, except for multiple electronic items. Multiple TV's, stereos, etc. will be assessed duties at tariff rates (50-60%).
Clearance: Diplomatic shipments of household goods are inspected by Customs in the port.
Remarks:

Household Goods and Personal Effects

Required Documents: Fax for details. Requirements change frequently. Clients' passports must be available for clearance. Very detailed packing list is important.
Customs Regulations: All non-diplomatic household goods (new or used) are dutiable per the current customs tariff. Some "NGO" clients may have duty-free status (i.e., UN, UNDP). Items not on a packing list may be confiscated. Videos, books, music cassettes, computer software and antiques are screened by the Cultural Department. Radio transmitters, fax machines, telephones require separate import licenses. Hi-tech color printers may be refused entry.
Clearance: Customs inspects 100% of the shipments in the port. Clearance times for sea are 2 to 3 weeks.
Remarks:

Pets

Required Documents: Up-to-date rabies vaccination papers and health certificate.
Customs Regulations:
Clearance: Same day. Usually very simple for dogs and cats.
Remarks:

Vehicles

Required Documents: (1) Certificate of Registration. (2) Import license (3) Car papers
Customs Regulations: Cars over 2 years old usually not allowed import permits. Duties charged on most autos at 200% of value, unless special permission granted in advance of arrival. DO NOT SHIP

WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

Clearance:

Clearance time varies from 1 to 2 weeks.

Remarks:

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