

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS

The information is prepared on the basis of the existing customs legislation with the use of the Memo for international flights passengers crossing the customs border of the Customs Union (Letter from the Federal Customs Service of Russia No. 16-26/55640, d/d 16/11/2010), the Memo for international trains passengers crossing the customs border of the Customs Union, and the Memo for individuals crossing the customs border of the Customs Union in automobile vehicles (Letter from the Federal Customs Service of Russia No. 04-30/34327, d/d 19/07/2011).

The procedure of transportation of goods for personal use is regulated by the provisions of Chapter 49 of the Customs Code of the Customs Union (CC of CU), the Agreement "About the procedure of transportation of goods for personal use by individuals crossing the customs border of the Customs Union and the customs procedures related to release of such goods".

Cash and/or monetary instruments shall be transported by individuals across the customs border of the Customs Union according to the procedure defined by the Agreement "On the procedure of transportation of cash and/or monetary instruments by individuals crossing the customs border of the Customs Union" from July 5, 2010.

You can find the details of the customs regulations on the official website of the Customs Union Commission (www.tsouz.ru). In case any changes are made to the regulations after publishing of the present booklet, we will immediately put the information on these changes on the website of CASTO company (www.castospb.ru or касто.рф).

GENERAL INFORMATION

At present the Russian Federation is a member state of the Customs Union (CU). The CU single customs territory consists of the territories of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation. The border of the single customs territory of the CU is the customs border of the Customs Union. Transportation of goods across the customs border of the Customs Union is regulated by the customs legislation of the CU.

The following concepts are identified by the customs legislation of the Customs Union.

Goods – any movable asset crossing the customs border, including information media, currencies of the member states of the Customs Union, securities and/or currency valuables, traveler's checks, etc.

Goods for personal use – goods designed for personal, family, home and other needs of individuals, not connected with entrepreneurial activity, crossing the customs border as a part of accompanied or non-accompanied luggage or by any other means.

Accompanied luggage – goods for personal use, including hand-luggage, directly transported by an individual, crossing the customs border.

Non-accompanied luggage – goods for personal use belonging to an individual and handed over to the cargo operator under an international shipment agreement (transport shipping) for actual transportation across the customs border in connection with the arrival of this individual to the territory of the Customs Union or his departure from the territory of the CU.

Inseparable goods for personal use – goods for personal use weighing more than 35 kg, consisting of one unit or one set of goods, including goods transported in disassembled, unassembled, incomplete or unfinished state, on the assumption that the goods have the basic property of assembled, completed or finished commodity item.

Transport for personal use – auto-, motor-vehicle, trailer, hydro-, aircraft together with spare parts thereof and regular accessories and equipment thereof; petroleum, oil, lubricants contained in its regular tanks, being in ownership or possession of an individual transporting these transport vehicles across the customs border exclusively for personal purposes, but not for third-parties personal transportation for a fee, industrial nor commercial transportation of goods for any fee or free of charge.

Goods for personal use can be transported across the customs border of the CU as a part of accompanied or non-accompanies luggage, as goods transported by a transport operator and as an international postal shipment.

Customs operations with goods for personal use depends on the means of transportation at the place of arrival on the customs territory of the Customs Union or the place of departure from this territory or may be carried out in the customs authority of a member state of the Customs Union, on which territory the individual resides permanently (or temporarily) and has the right to act as a customs applicant for such goods.

DOUBLE CORRIDOR SYSTEM

The double corridor system can be applied at places of arrival to the customs territory of the Customs Union or departure from this territory for the purpose of declaration of goods for personal use. It provides individuals crossing the customs border a choice of declaring goods for personal use in writing and selecting an appropriate corridor ("green" or "red") for carrying out customs procedures.

"Green" corridor is the special marked facility at arrivals and departures places intended for individuals transporting goods for personal use not subject to declaration across the customs border as a part of accompanied luggage, providing that these persons don't have any non-accompanied luggage.

"Red" corridor is the special marked facility at arrivals and departures places intended for individuals transporting goods subject to customs declaration across the customs border as a part of accompanied luggage, as well as goods that are declared optionally at the discretion of the individual.

WRITTEN DECLARATION

The following items are subject to customs declaration when crossing the customs border of the Customs Union (a passenger customs declaration shall be filled in):

- 1) imported goods of total customs value exceeding equivalent of 1,500 EUR and/or the total weight of which exceeds 50 kg;
- 2) imported and exported cash (banknotes, treasury notes, coins, excluding coins made of precious metals) and/or traveler's checks for the total amount exceeding equivalent of 10,000 USD;
- 3) imported and exported monetary instruments (bills, bank checks, securities);
- 4) precious metals: temporarily imported, exported (excluding temporarily exported jewelry);
- 5) precious stones: temporarily imported, exported emeralds, rubies, sapphires, alexandrites, natural and finished pearls, unique ambers;
- 6) cultural valuables;
- 7) exported state rewards of the Russian Federation;
- 8) endangered and protected animals and plants, their parts and products made thereof;
- 9) weapon and ammunition;
- 10) imported alcoholic beverages in total volume exceeding 3 liters;
- 11) narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the form of medicines in accordance with medical prescription and upon availability of respective documents;
- 12) radio-electronics and/or radio-frequency devices for civil purpose, including built-in ones or integrated into other goods;
- 13) hardware containing encryption functionality;
- 14) inherited goods for personal use, upon availability of documents confirming these commodities have been inherited;
- 15) goods for personal use transported in accompanied luggage if the individual has non-accompanied luggage as well;
- 16) vehicles for personal use, excluding vehicles for personal use registered in the territory of the member states of the Customs Union, temporarily exported from the customs territory of the Customs Union and imported back on this territory;
- 17) other goods determined by the customs legislation of the Customs Union.

An individual has the right to declare in writing at his/her will goods not subject to customs declaration in writing. Both citizens of member states of the Customs Union and foreign citizens may declare goods crossing the customs border.

Customs declaration of goods for personal use by an individual aged under 16 shall be executed by the accompanying person (a parent, adoptive parent, guardian, trustee or group leader – for an organized group trip for minors).

Failure to provide the customs declaration concerning the above mentioned goods is considered as declaring that the individual has no goods subject to customs declaration. Revealing goods subject to customs declaration during selective customs control procedure shall result in bringing the passenger to responsibility in accordance with the legislation of the member state of the Customs Union.

Providing false information in the passenger customs declaration shall result in bringing to responsibility in accordance with the legislation of the member state of the Customs Union.

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

Submission of the passenger customs declaration to a customs authority shall involve provision of documents confirming the information contained therein. Such documents include:

- 1) identity documents (including for minors);
- 2) documents confirming adaptation, guardianship or trusteeship of a minor;
- 3) documents confirming the value of the declared goods for personal use;
- 4) transport documents;
- 5) documents, confirming the right for customs duties privilege, including documents confirming temporary import (export) of goods for personal use by an individual, as well as documents confirming acknowledgement of the individual as a refugee, forced migrant or a person travelling to a new permanent place of residence;
- 6) documents confirming observance of restrictions, except non-tariff and technical regulation measures;
- 7) documents containing identification information of vehicle for personal use;
- 8) documents confirming the ownership, right of use and/or disposal of vehicle for personal use.
- 9) Other documents and information submission of which is required according to the customs legislation of the Customs union.

In the absence of goods subject to customs declaration the above mentioned documents shall be submitted by request of a customs authority official.

GOODS IMPORTED DUTY-FREE IN ACCOMPANIED AND NON-ACCOMPANIED LUGGAGE

The following goods for personal use may be imported to the territory of the Customs Union duty-free:

- 1) goods of total customs value not exceeding an equivalent of 1,500 EUR (10,000 EUR for goods transported by air) and/or the weight of which does not exceed 50 kg;
- 2) alcoholic beverages and beer in the volume not exceeding 3 liters per individual aged over 18;
- 3) tobacco and tobacco products: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars (cigarillos) or 250 g of tobacco or the above mentioned products in assortment of the total weight not exceeding 250 g per individual aged over 18;
- 4) pre-owned goods imported by refugees, forced migrants, migrants, as well as one car and one trailer owned by such persons;
- 5) inherited goods, as well as one car and one trailer subject to documentary evidence of the fact of inhering of such goods, car and trailer;

6) goods imported by diplomatic employees, administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission or a consulate, as well as members of their families;

7) goods imported by individuals sent for working to a foreign state by state authorities, providing their stay beyond CU customs territory exceeds 11 months (subject to documentary evidence);

8) goods imported by individuals temporarily residing abroad for not less than 1 year (subject to documentary evidence) with total customs value not exceeding the equivalent of 5,000 EUR (10,000 EUR for goods transported by air);

9) goods imported back to the territory of the Customs Union intact, subject to proof of their export from the territory of the Customs Union;

10) cultural valuables providing they are considered as such in accordance with the legislation of the member states of the Customs Union;

11) funeral urns containing remains (ash), coffins with dead human bodies (remains);

12) vehicles for personal use temporarily imported by individuals of the member states of the Customs Union and registered in the territory of a foreign country, for a period of no longer than 6 months, providing that payment of all necessary customs duties and taxes is ensured;

13) vehicles for personal use temporarily imported by foreign citizens and registered in the territory of a foreign country for a period of their temporary stay in the territory of the Customs Union, however not exceeding 1 year;

14) pre-owned goods temporarily imported by foreign individuals to the customs territory of the Customs Union:

- jewelry (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- personal hygiene items (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- photo cameras, video cameras, movie cameras (max. one unit) and accessories thereof (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable cinema projectors, slide show projectors (max. one unit) and accessories thereof (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable video tape recorders (max. one unit);
- portable sound-recording and reproducing equipment (including dictaphones), DVD-players (max. one unit) and accessories thereof (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable vinyl record players (max. one unit) and vinyl records (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- sound record medium, with records or not (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable radio sets, flash-players (max. one unit) and accessories thereof (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- TV sets with CRT size max. 42 cm (max. one unit);
- portable typewriters (max. one unit);
- binoculars (max. one unit);
- mobile telephones (max. two units);
- portable personal computers (laptops) (max. one unit) and accessories thereof (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable musical instruments (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- baby carriages (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- baby seats fixed on the seat of the car (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- wheelchairs (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- sport, tourism and hunting equipment and accessories, air-balloons (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);
- portable dialyzers and similar medical devices and consumables (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay);

- domestic animal, including those used for hunting, sport (in quantity needed for use during the period of the temporary stay).

Goods transported by a cargo operator to the address of an individual or sent by international post service are imported duty-free in case these are goods for personal use (excluding ethyl alcohol, alcoholic beverages, beer and inseparable goods), imported (sent) during a calendar month to the address of one recipient, the customs value of which does not exceed the equivalent of 1,000 EUR and the weight of which does not exceed 31 kg.

PAYMENT OF IMPORT CUSTOMS DUTIES

Following customs duties are applicable for import of goods for personal use by an individual to the territory of the Customs Union:

1) flat rate 30% of the customs value of goods, but not less than 4 EUR per 1 kg of weight, applicable to the part exceeding the standard value of equivalent of 1,500 EUR (for goods transported by air, applicable to the part exceeding the standard value of 10,000 EUR) and/or exceeding the standard weight of 50 kg – for import of goods for personal use, the customs value of which exceeds equivalent of 1,500 EUR (for goods transported by air – the customs value of which exceeds 10,000 EUR), and/or the weight of which exceeds 50 kg;

2) aggregate customs payment – for import of inseparable goods for personal use;

3) flat rate 22 EUR per 1 liter – for import of ethyl alcohol in the volume of up to 5 liters;

4) flat rate 10 EUR per 1 liter applicable to the part exceeding the standard volume of 3 liters – for import of alcoholic beverages and beer in the volume from 3 to 5 liters inclusively;

5) flat rate 30% of the customs value of the goods, but not less than 4 EUR per 1 kg, applicable to the part exceeding the standard value of equivalent of 5,000 EUR – for import of goods by individuals temporary residing abroad for a period not less than 1 year (subject to documentary evidence), the customs value of which exceeds the equivalent of 5,000 EUR (for goods transported by air – the customs value of which exceeds the equivalent of 10,000 EUR).

If the goods are delivered by a transport operator to the address of an individual or sent via international post service, the flat rate of 30% of the customs value of the goods applies, but not less than 4 EUR per 1 kg applicable to the part exceeding the standard value of equivalent of 1,000 EUR and/or the standard weight of 31 kg – in case of import of goods for personal use the customs value of which exceeds the equivalent of 1,000 EUR and/or the weight of which exceeds 31 kg.

EXPORT OF GOODS

No customs duties, flat rates taxes and cumulative customs duties are imposed on goods for personal use exported by individuals from the customs territory of the Customs Union.

EXPORT PROHIBITIONS

An individual is not allowed to export the following goods for personal use from the territory of the Customs Union:

1) fish and sea food (excluding sturgeon caviar) exceeding 5 kg in weight;

2) sturgeon caviar exceeding 250 g in weight;

3) fuel in the amount exceeding 10 liters, contained in a separate container.

Note: sub-item "b", item 36 of the Regulations on import and export of precious metals, precious stones and raw materials containing precious metals to the customs territory of the Customs Union within the framework of the Eurasian Economic community and out from the customs territory of the Customs Union says that the total value of exported precious metals and precious stones (excluding those exported temporarily) shall not exceed the amount equivalent to 25,000 USD.

However, in accordance with item 25 of the Decision of the Customs Union No. 689, d/d 22/07/2011, "export of precious metals and precious stones for personal use from the customs

territory of the Customs Union can be carried out by individuals without any quantity or value restrictions".

CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS FOR PERSONAL USE

Classification of goods transported by an individual across the customs border as goods for personal use is carried out by a customs authority in accordance with the following:

- application of the individual concerning the goods transported (in oral or written form using passenger customs declaration);
- nature and quantity of the goods;
- frequency of crossing the border by the individual and/or transportation of goods by him across the customs border.

The following goods may not be classified as goods for personal use:

- 1) natural diamonds;
- 2) exported goods subject to export customs duties;
- 3) central heating boilers;
- 4) mowing machines (excluding lawn-mowers), haymaking machines, etc.;
- 5) sun booths;
- 6) medical equipment (excluding equipment needed during the way or required under a prescription issued on medical authority), etc.

In case goods transported across the customs border by an individual, are not classified as goods for personal use, they are subject to customs operations (including customs declaration) in accordance with the procedure provided for participants of foreign economic activity.

PERMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS

Transportation of the following goods for personal use across the border of the Russian Federation by individuals is possible upon permission of state authorities:

- weapon, basic components thereof, ammunition – permission of the internal affairs authorities is required;
- cultural valuables – permission for export of cultural valuables issued by the state authority supervising the circulation of cultural valuables is required;
- endangered and protected animals and plants, parts thereof, as well as products made of them – a CITES permission issued by the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage is required;
- radio-electronics and/or radio-frequency devices for civil purpose – permission of the Federal Supervision Agency for Information Technologies and Communications is required;
- hardware containing encryption functionality – notification, registered by the Licensing, Certification and State Secrets Defense Center of the Federal Security Service of Russia is required. The list of registered notifications, filled in by producers of products or persons, authorized by the producers of products, can be found at www.tsouz.ru.

TRANSPORTATION OF CASH AND/OR MONETARY INSTRUMENTS

"Cash" – currency in the form of banknotes, treasury notes, coins, excluding coins made of precious metals, circulating and being lawful payment currency in the member states of the Customs Union or foreign states (a group of foreign states), including those withdrawn or being withdrawn from circulation and subject to be changed for circulating money.

"Monetary instruments" – traveler's checks, bills, checks (bank checks), as well as certificated securities, certifying payment obligation of the issuer (obligator), not containing the name of the person entitled for receipt of such payment.

Import of cash and/or traveler's checks by an individual to the customs territory of the Customs Union is carried out without any restrictions according to the following procedure:

- For simultaneous import of cash and/or traveler's checks for the total amount not exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 USD, cash and/or traveler's checks are not subject to customs declaration in writing;

- For simultaneous import of cash and/or traveler's checks for the total amount not exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 USD, the cash and/or traveler's checks are subject to customs declaration in writing through execution of passenger customs declaration for the total amount of the imported cash and/or traveler's checks.

Import of monetary instruments, excluding traveler's checks by an individual may be carried out subject to customs declaration in writing through execution of passenger customs declaration.

Export of cash and/or traveler's checks by an individual from the customs territory of the Customs Union is carried out without any restrictions according to the following procedure:

- For simultaneous export of cash and/or traveler's checks for the total amount not exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 USD, the cash and/or traveler's checks are not subject to customs declaration in writing;

- For simultaneous export of cash and/or traveler's checks for the total amount exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 USD, the cash and/or traveler's checks are subject to customs declaration in writing through execution of passenger customs declaration for the total amount of the exported cash and traveler's checks.

Export of monetary instruments, excluding traveler's checks by an individual may be carried out subject to customs declaration in writing through execution of passenger customs declaration.

For the purpose of countering money laundering and financing of terrorism, individuals shall specify the following information in their passenger customs declarations when transporting cash and/or monetary instruments subject to mandatory declaration in writing across the customs border of the Customs Union:

1) date and place of birth of the individual, details of the document confirming the right of a foreign citizen or a person without citizenship to stay (reside) in the territory of a member state of the Customs Union, the address of the residence (registration) or place of stay in the territory of a member state of the Customs Union;

2) information about the monetary instruments, excluding traveler's checks (type of the cash instrument, name of the issuer, date of issuing and identification number if available);

3) information about source of the cash and/or monetary instruments, their owners (in case the transported cash and/or monetary instruments don't belong to the declaration applicant), as well as their intended use;

4) information about the route and means of transportation (type of transport) of the cash and/or monetary instruments.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Customs authorities control the presence of mandatory automobile liability insurance of vehicle owners when vehicles are entering the Russian Federation and leaving the Russian Federation for other states where international insurance systems apply.

In case of failure to provide respective documents ("Green card" insurance certificate or mandatory automobile liability insurance policy of the vehicle owner), such transports are allowed to enter the territory of the Russian Federation, while their owners are recommended to purchase the necessary documents in insurance companies authorized to offer mandatory automobile liability insurance for vehicle owners.

VEHICLE CERTIFICATES ISSUE

In accordance with Decision of the Russian Federation No. 609, d/d 12/10/2005, "On establishing special technical regulations "On standards for harmful (polluting) emissions from

automobile vehicles allowed for circulation in the territory of the Russian Federation" (hereinafter the Technical Regulations), the subjects of technical regulation are automobile vehicles allowed for circulation in the territory of the Russian Federation and combustion engines installed thereon with regard to emissions.

In accordance with the Regulation on vehicle certificates and vehicle chassis certificates, established by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, the Ministry of Industry and Energy of Russia, the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Russia No. 496/192/134, d/d 23/06/2005, customs authorities shall issue vehicle certificates for the purpose of regulation of admission of vehicles for operation in the territory of the Russian Federation, strengthening the control over transportation of vehicles across the customs border of the Russian Federation and prompt payment of customs duties when vehicles are imported to the Russian Federation.

In accordance with Item 70 of the Regulation, in case the ecological class of a vehicle (chassis) does not conform with the requirements of the special technical regulations "On standards for harmful (polluting) emissions from automobile vehicles allowed for circulation in the territory of the Russian Federation", established by Decision of the Russian Federation No. 609, d/d 12/10/2005, a vehicle certificate is not issued.

From January 1, 2010 the vehicles emission standard conforming to the ecological class 4 (Euro-4) is in force.

When issuing vehicle certificates, customs authorities control the conformance of the vehicles ecological class based on the information provided by the Ministry of Industry and Energy of the Russian Federation, and, in case this information is not available, recommend the interested persons to confirm the vehicle ecological class with conformity certificates issued by certification authorities, accredited by the Federal agency for technical regulation and metrology.

Information contained in conformity certificates, "Vehicle type approvals" and "Chassis conformity statements" (hereinafter – Databases) is placed and regularly updated on the website of the Federal Customs Service of Russia in "Information for foreign economical activity participants" section.

The format and the scope of the databases at the website of the Federal Customs Service of Russia are similar to the databases on the official website of the Federal agency for technical regulation and metrology in "Applicable technical regulations" section.

For more information on determining vehicle ecological class please contact the Federal agency for technical regulation and metrology.

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