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# IMPORT REGULATIONS IN CANADA

Please note that the presence of the customer is obligatory for custom clearance.

## Landed immigrants:

Landed immigrants can import tax-free any items that were in his possession for at least 6 months prior to arriving to Canada.

#### **Temporary workers:**

The rules are the same as those for landed immigrants; however, Canada customs may request a deposit (refundable upon re-export or becoming a landed immigrant).

# **Returning Canadian citizens:**

Canadian citizens may bring back all possession duty-free which may have been acquired abroad as long as they were purchased at least 6 months prior to arrival and the customer has been living at least 1 year abroad. A maximum of 10,000.00\$ is permitted per item (e.g. car). All liquor is taxable. A detailed valued inventory list is required in English or in French as well as proof of absence of any immigration papers.

#### Import of vehicles:

A vehicle can be imported in Canada if:

It conforms to North American standards.

Or

• It is over 15 years old.

#### Import of wine:

All wine importation is taxed. Two taxes are to be paid:

- The SAQ tax (Quebec) is based on the number of liters.
- The Canada customs tax is based on quantity and value.

A detailed list is needed specifying quantities, name, year and value of bottles.

# **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

- Copies of passport and original (customer should come with his passport for clearance)
- Movers inventory list
- Valued and detailed inventory list
- Copy of work permit, landed immigrant
- For temporary workers, letter from employer
- Proof of residence in Canada
- For Canadian citizens, proof that they have stayed outside the country for more than 6 months

## Very important:

When customer arrives at airport, he has to declare that he has a shipment following him. The document obtained at the airport is very important for customs clearance.