

# Macau Country Guide - IAM

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## Country Guide: Macau

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Detailed inventory
- Packing list
- Ocean bill of lading (OBL) / airway bill (AWB), with name matching that in passport

## Specific Information

- All air shipments are physically inspected by Customs at the air terminal.  
The average time for clearance after arrival is approximately 1-2 days.
- Sea shipments arriving from within Asia will normally undergo a physical Customs inspection.
- The average time for Customs clearance is 2-4 days for full container load shipments (FCL) and 4-6 days for less than container load (LCL) shipments.
- Shipments arriving from other countries will not normally undergo Customs inspection and can be available for delivery within 2-3 days for FCL shipments and 3-5 days for LCL shipments.

## Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Original purchase invoice
- Certificate of insurance
- OBL / AWB

### Specific Information

- Used automobiles cannot be imported.
- New vehicles, left-hand and right-hand drive, may be imported, but must be handled by a professional automobile importer.  
They are subject to a substantial government tax.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

Import permit

### Specific Information

Quarantine may be required depending on the type of animal and the country of origin.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Explosives, arms and ammunition (a firearm certificate from the Police Department is required).
- Drugs and medicines must be imported as accompanied baggage only.
- Personal computers, including laptops, must only contain only original software under copyright law.
- Items can be imported for personal use or consumption as identified in Table 1 of Chief Executive Order No. 368/2006:
  - Cigarettes (200)  
MOP (Macau Pataca) 0.2/cigarette plus 10% FOB (Freight on Board) value for cigarettes.
  - Cigars (50 - each not to exceed 3 g)  
MOP 280/kilo plus 10% FOB value for cigar (FOB value should be verified by the Economic Department).
  - Cigarillos (100), tobacco (250 g)
  - A detailed inventory including quantity, brand name, unit price and costs, insurance, and freight (CIF) value is required prior to before shipment arrival.
  - Grape wine and other beverages of alcoholic strength by volume not exceeding 30% volume (1 L).
  - Beverages of alcoholic strength by volume exceeding 30% volume (1 L)
  - Wine and liquor with an alcoholic strength of 30% or less is duty free.
  - Volume exceeding 30% is MOP 20.00/L plus 10% FOB value.
  - A detailed wine inventory with quantity, brand name, volume, price per bottle, and total value is required.  
FOB value should be verified by the Economic Department in Macau.

## Prohibited Items

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- Illegal drugs
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Endangered species of animals and plants
- Radioactive substances
- Counterfeit items
- Pornographic materials

## Consignment Instructions

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**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

## **Cultural and Other Information**

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Macau](#)