

Turks and Caicos Islands Country Guide

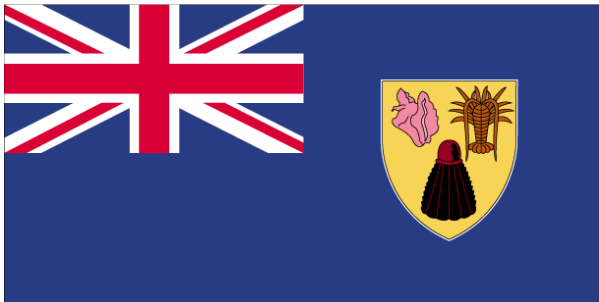
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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required:

- Passport (bio-data page)
- Work permit / residence permit / other legal proof of residency
- Letter of exemption issued by the Turks & Caicos Customs Department (if applicable)
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed valued inventory list (in USD)
- Invoices (new items) (in USD)

- TCI Customs import entry form

Specific Information:

- All goods imported by an owner of the goods relocating to the Turks & Caicos Islands, or any returning residents, are duty free when moved within the first 6 months.
 - This excludes motor vehicles, boats, aircrafts, foodstuffs, tobacco products, perfumes, and any alcoholic beverages.
 - The goods must be owned by the owner of the goods and in use for a minimum of 12 months prior to the arrival in Turks & Caicos Islands.
 - The returning citizen must have lived outside of the country for at least 12 months.
- Even though goods may qualify for duty free import, there is a 7.5% Customs Processing Fee (CPF) applicable to the total value of the goods.
- If the owner of the goods does not qualify for duty free entry, the applicable Customs import duty rate will be applied.
 - Most household goods have an import duty rate of 30%.

IAM Note: Contact destination agent for further details.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required:

- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Bill of sale
- Certificate of title

Specific Information:

- Vehicle duties are calculated based on the cost, insurance, and freight value (CIF value).
- Customs processing fee (CPF) is calculated on only the value.

Pets

Documents Required:

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit issued by the Turks & Caicos Islands Agriculture Department

Specific Information:

- The import permit must be obtained prior to the importation of any live animal, bird, or fish.
- All live animals (pets) are required to undergo inspection on arrival and must be accompanied by an original copy of an inspection certificate.
 - Pets that do not clear inspection will be held for no more than 48 hours pending deportation or will be euthanized.
- The inspection certificate must be issued by the Agricultural Authority at origin.
- All pets must be identifiable with a microchip transponder or tattoo.
 - The microchip must have been placed before rabies vaccination was initiated.
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered before importation into the Islands.
 - Owners of the goods granted an animal breeder's license from the Department of Agriculture, Turks & Caicos Islands are exempted from having their dogs spayed or neutered.
- The canine breeds listed below are strictly prohibited or restricted from being imported into the Turks & Caicos Islands:
 - Prohibited:
 - Dogo, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Bull Dog, Perro de Presa, Fila Brasileiro, Argentino, American Staffordshire Terrier, Japanese Tosa, & Canario (Canary dog)
 - Restricted:
 - Appenzeller, Molossus, Beauceron, Bull Mastiff, Dogue de Bordeaux, Mountain Dog, Kuvasz, Moscow Watchdog, Perro de Presa Mallorquin, Boerboel, Aryan, Bandog, Belgian Mastiff, Danish Broholmer, Great Swiss, Korean Jindo, Leonberger, Neapolitan Mastiff, Rottweiler, & Tibetan Mastiff

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Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Weapons and ammunition (require permission from the Commissioner of Police of Turks & Caicos Islands)
- New items
- Meat (import permit required)
- Plants (import permit required)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons and ammunition
- Underwater guns (i.e.: Spear guns, Hawaiian slings and parts)
- Controlled or illegal drugs or paraphernalia
- Pornographic materials

Consignment Instructions

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

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Turks and Caicos Islands](#)