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Foreign nationals		Foreign nationals coming to India for executing projects/contracts in India will have to come only on employment visas.	For more information please contact your destination agent.
Non-Diplomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Passport will need to be turned over to Indian destination agent until shipment clears customs. • For Customs at Bangalore (India), Custom Officials ask for Original Passport of the Spouse as well for verification. It has to be carried on the day of examination. • Authority Letter (sample provided by destination agent in India). • Baggage Declaration Form (provided by destination agent in India). • Inventory with valuation of each item. • Indian Customs Declaration Form (provided by destination agent in India). • Bill of Lading. • Copy of Employment Letter or Transfer Letter is required for clearance. • FRRO Registration is required for clearance of HHG for Foreign Nationals. 	<p>Indian nationals, foreign nationals including those of Indian origin, transferring their residence to India or coming to India on employment, can import their personal effects and household goods into India under Transfer of Residence subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferee must have lived overseas for at least 2 years and must be transferring his/her residence to India. • Transferee must not have visited India for more than 180 days in the preceding two years. • Foreign nationals must have a resident permit/ business / work / entry visa or a PIO card. • Appointment letter/assignment letter stating minimum two years stay in India. • Goods must be shipped out within one month of arrival of the owner into India (sea) and air shipment within 15 days after the arrival of the owner/passenger; automobiles can be shipped with 6 months of arrival. If there is a delay then goods can be cleared only if customs condone the delay. Each case will be decided on merits. • The owner's presence may not be required during customs clearance (for Bangalore and Chennai - The owner's presence is a must for sea shipment and may not be 	

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		<p>required for air shipment during customs clearance) but owner should arrive in India before the shipment arrival and be present in country until the shipment clears customs or else demurrage / container detention will be quite heavy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All containers (unless diplomatic) are offloaded at POE/TOE (and reloaded into vans). All household goods (old and used) and personal effects are dutiable, but might get concessions if in owners possession for at least 1 year (and used) under the Transfer Residence rule. FRRO registration is mandatory to avail benefit of TR by Sea excluding Delhi Port. For Air Shipment Registration Application Form will work. 	
<p>Diplomatic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority Letter (sample provided by destination agent in India). Baggage Declaration Form (provided by destination agent in India). Copy of Passport duly attested/certified and Duty free Exemption Certificate issued by Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India through Diplomatic Mission in India. Bill of Lading. Inventory List. In India, Packing list, Passport and Bill of Lading should be sealed and signed by the Embassy/Consulate. Inventory List should be sealed and signed by the Embassy/Consulate. 	<p>See Above.</p> <p>Alcohol can be imported in limited quantity for Diplomats (depends on the allowance by the Diplomatic Mission/Embassy).</p> <p>If alcohol is mentioned on packing list, the same has to be mentioned on the Duty Exemption Certificates also for smooth clearance.</p>	

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Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Original purchase Invoice of the vehicle is required. <p>Used or Second hand Vehicles Import are permitted only at Nhava Sheva (Mumbai) port.</p> <p>The import of new vehicles shall be permitted only through the Customs port at Nhava Sheva (Mumbai), Calcutta and Chennai.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian or Foreign nationals transferring their residence to India are allowed to import one vehicle. A car that was in the importers ownership or possession for over a year is allowed. Payment for the car must be made prior to arrival of owner in India. Import of new car is allowed but should meet pollution norms and right hand drive. Shipment may be done within 6 months of arrival. In lieu of a motor car, one motorcycle can also be imported. Only Right Hand Drive cars are allowed Only Cars which meets Euro IV pollution norms are allowed. Must have certificate from manufacturer. <p><u>Banned Vehicles</u> The policy totally bans the import of cars whose engine capacity ranges from 1000 to 2500cc. As far as two-wheelers go, scooters with an engine capacity of over 50 cc to 500cc can be imported. Motorcycle engine capacity should be their engine capacity should be over 250 cc but not in excess of 800 cc.</p>	Used vehicles have import duties which need to be paid. There are no fixed rates as the process is seen case-by case; as such it is advisable that research is conducted by the mover.
Pets	NOC required from veterinary and other health documents needed before arrival of pet at airport.	One pet per passenger (cat/ dog) may be imported into India without any import license. Under Transfer Of Residence Case Only and Assignment should not be less than 2 years.	Should you need further information please contact your local destination agent prior to shipping.
Restricted Items	Foreign nationals can import foodstuff in their main HHG shipment duty free up to a limit of Rs. 50,000/- (approx. US \$ 1000).	Milk / Milk Products, Meat and Meat Products are only allowed with NOC From Animal & Quarantine Department, and department will	Should you need further information please contact your local destination agent prior to shipping.

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	Foreign nationals who are resident in India can import foodstuff worth Rs. 100,000 p.a. (approx. US \$ 2000). However, please note that wine, spirits, beverages, etc. are not allowed duty free under this facility. It is also important that payment for the foodstuff must be made out of funds of the foreign national available outside India.	takes 15-30 days. We recommend do not pack these items under any circumstances. They will be confiscated by customs and fines/penalties will be levied on full shipment.	
Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms, Weapons, ammunition of any type. • Narcotics. • Obscene Literature, Pornographic Material. • Wild life items like ivory, horns etc. 	These items are strictly prohibited into India. Do not pack these items under any circumstances. They will be confiscated and fines will be levied.	Should you need further information please contact your local destination agent prior to shipping
Dutiable Items	<p>The following items are allowed in your shipment, but will be subject to tax and duty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firearms. • Cartridges of Fire arms exceeding 50. • Cigarettes exceeding 100 sticks or cigars exceeding 25 or tobacco exceeding 125 gms. • Gold or silver other than ornaments. • Flat panel (liquid crystal display/light emitting diode/plasma) television. • New articles are charged duty @ 36.05 %. • Concessional duty rate @ 15.45 % is allowed only on the first unit of the following electronic appliances. If the shipper has two or more of any electronic appliance, or the combined value of all the 		<p>If shipping alcohol please contact your local destination agent prior to shipping for necessary information.</p> <p>Should you need further information please contact your local destination agent prior to shipping.</p>

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	<p>above appliances exceeds Rs. 500,000 (US\$ 10000), duty @ 36.05 % will be charged on the additional units / value.</p> <p>The items are: Still Camera, Music System, CRT Television DVD Player, Video Home Theatre System, Dishwasher, Music System, Musical Instrument, Air conditioner, Domestic Refrigerator above 300 litres or its equivalent, Golf Set, Deep Freezer, Microwave Oven, Video Camera, Word Processor, Fax machine, Portable Photocopiers, Vessel or Aircraft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import duties on alcohol & spirits, etc. are very high in India (approx. 182 %) and on beer & wines (approx. 150%). Customs duty on cars is approx. from 120% up to 261%. • Customs duty on new motorcycles is approx. 100%. • Import of Car, Bike or any other vehicle is not allowed in Bangalore/Hyderabad. 	<p>Custom Duties/ Taxes are subject to change as per notifications from Government of India. It is advisable to check with destination agent prior to shipping.</p>	
<p>Baggage</p>		<p>Recent updates in the Baggage rules and regulations effective as from April 1st, 2016.</p> <p>1) Free allowance for passenger on arrival into India has been raised to Rs. 50,000. Except for items mentioned under exceptions.</p> <p>2) Free allowance for passenger on arrival into</p>	

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		<p>India and being of foreign origin has been kept to Rs. 15,000 except for items mentioned under exceptions.</p> <p>3) Passengers residing abroad for more than 1 year, on return to India can bring jewellery worth 50,000 rupees and of weight up to 20 gms for men and of 1,00,000 rupees and of weight up to 40 gms for women.</p> <p>4) In case of transfer of residence:</p> <p>A. From 3 month - 6 months: Used Personal and household articles other than those mentioned in Exclusion and Inclusion A but including Inclusion B up-to an aggregated value of 60,000 INR.</p> <p>B. From 6 month - 1 year: Used Personal and household articles other than those mentioned in Exclusion and Inclusion A but including Inclusion B up-to an aggregated value of 1,00,000 INR.</p> <p>C. Minimum Stay of 1 year during the preceding 2 years: Used Personal and household articles other than those mentioned in Exclusion but including items mentioned in Inclusion A and Inclusion B up-to an aggregated value of 2,00,000 INR. (The Indian passenger should not have availed the concession in the preceding 3 years.)</p>	

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		<p>D. Minimum Stay of 2 years or more: Used Personal and household articles other than those mentioned in Exclusion but including items mentioned in Inclusion A and Inclusion B up-to an aggregated value of 5,00,000 INR. (Minimum stay of 2 years abroad immediately preceding the date of arrival on transfer of residence, total stay in India on short visit during the two preceding years should not exceed 6 months and passengers should not have availed this concession in the preceding 3 years.)</p> <p>5) Provision for Unaccompanied baggage:</p> <p>1. Provided that the unaccompanied baggage had been in the possession, abroad, of the passenger and is dispatched within one month of his/her arrival in India or within a time period specified by the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs</p> <p>2. The unaccompanied baggage may land in India up-to two months before the arrival of the passenger or within such period, not exceeding one year as the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs may allow, for reasons to be recorded, if he is satisfied that the passenger was prevented from arriving in India within the period of two months due to circumstances beyond his control, such as sudden illness of the passenger or member of his family, or natural calamities or disturbed conditions or disruption of the transport or travel arrangements in the country or countries concerned on any other reasons, which necessitated a change in the</p>	

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		<p>travel schedule of the passenger.</p> <p><u>Exclusions:</u> Firearms, Cartridges of Fire arms exceeding 50, cigarettes exceeding 100 sticks or cigars exceeding 25 or tobacco exceeding 125 gms, Alcoholic liquor or wines in excess of 2 litres, Gold or silver other than ornaments, Flat panel (liquid crystal display/light emitting diode/plasma) television.</p> <p><u>Inclusion A:</u> Colour Television, Video Home Theatre System, Dish Washer, Domestic refrigerators of capacity above 300 litres or its equivalent, Deep Freezer, Video camera or combination of any such video camera with one or more goods such as television receiver, sound recording or producing apparatus, video reproducing apparatus, Cinematographic films of 35 mm and above and Gold or Silver, in any form, other than ornaments.</p> <p><u>Inclusion B:</u> Video Cassette Recorder or Video Cassette Player or Video Television Receiver or Video Cassette Disk Player, Digital Video Disc Player, Music System, Air Conditioner, Microwave Oven, Word Processing Machine, Fax Machine, Portable Photocopying Machine, Washing Machine, Electrical or Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cooking Range, Personal Computer (Desktop Computer), Laptop Computer (Notebook Computer) and Domestic Refrigerators of capacity up to 300 litres or its equivalent.</p>	

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Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		The Indian Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.	



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