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Non-Diplomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Passport will need to be turned over to Indian destination agent until shipment clears customs • Authority Letter (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 	<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 duty free 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 / business / work / entry visa or a PIO card. • Goods must be shipped out within one month of arrival of the owner into India; 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 is NOT required during customs clearance but owner should arrive in India before the shipment and be present in country until the shipment clears customs or else demurrage / container detention will be quite heavy. • The condition of compulsory one-year stay in India after claiming Transfer of Residence duty benefits has been removed and importers can now leave the country after claiming TR concessions. • All household goods (old and used) and personal effects are duty free if in owners possession for at least 1 year (and used) under the Transfer Residence rule. 	



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Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Original Invoice of the vehicle is required 	<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 III pollution norms are allowed. Must have certificate from manufacturer 	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		Two pets per passenger (cat/ dog) may be imported into India without any import license.	
Restricted Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign nationals can import foodstuff in their main HHG shipment duty free up to a 		



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	limit of Rs. 50,000/- (US \$ 1111) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign nationals who are resident in India can import foodstuff worth Rs. 100,000 p.a. (approx. US \$ 2222). Payment for the foodstuff must be made out of funds of the foreign national available outside India. 		
Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firearms, Weapons, ammunition of any type Narcotics Obscene Literature, Pornographic Material 		These items are strictly prohibited into India. Do not pack these items under any circumstances. They will be confiscated and fines will be levied.
Dutiable Items	The following items are allowed in your shipment, but will be subject to tax and duty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wine, spirits, beverages, etc. New articles are charged duty @ 35 % The following electronic appliances are charged duty @ 15 % of the value subject to a value limit of Rs. 500,000/- (approx. US \$ 11111) regardless of usage. The items are: Television, DVD Player, Video Home Theatre System, Dishwasher, Music System, Air conditioner, Domestic Refrigerator above 300 liters, Deep Freezer, Microwave Oven, Video Camera, Word Processor, Fax machine, Portable Photocopiers, Aircraft, Boats, Cinematographic Films of 35 mm and above, Gold or Silver in any form other than ornaments. Concessional duty rate of 15 % is allowed only on the first unit. If the shipper has two or more of any appliance, or the combined value of all the above 		



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	<p>appliances exceeds Rs. 500,000 (US\$ 11111) duty @ 35 % will be charged on the additional units/value.</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%). If shipping alcohol please contact us prior to shipping for necessary information. • Customs duty on new cars is approx 114% and old car 169%. Customs duty on motorcycles is approx 152%. <p>These are subject to depreciation and service tax which is at present 12.36%</p>		
<p>Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Details of the requirements will be provided as soon as possible.</p>		