

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>October 2009: NEW REGULATION ON ENTRY VISAS FOR VIETNAM</p>			
<p>The Vietnamese government has tightened its visa and visa extension regulations. This policy will affect many expatriates that are currently in the country and will force companies to obtain work permits for their expatriate staff. Effective immediately, the Vietnamese Department of Immigration has reduced the maximum stay for visa holders from 6 months to 3 months*. Furthermore, these visas can now be extended only once for 30-90 days depending on each case. This rule applies to visa-waiver visitors as well.</p>			
<p>The decision 34/2008/ND-CP dated 25th March, 2008 defines that only expatriates with diplomas (university/master/doctor diploma) or recognized high skills are allowed to work in Vietnam. Expatriates employed in Vietnam for 3+ months are required to obtain a work permit. The work permit holder will be allowed to extend his/her stay in 6 months increments for the duration of their work permit and is eligible to obtain a residence card after 6 months in Vietnam.</p>			
<p>*Expatriates with work permits are eligible for 3+ month visas.</p>			
<p>Household goods and personal effects</p>	<p>Origin agent must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin Bill of lading. • A legible inventory (in English). • Client's contact address in Vietnam. <p>Shipper must be employed by a licensed company/organization in Vietnam and must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport • Residence Card or Visa (must be valid at time of shipment's arrival, duration must be 3+ months) • Copy of employer's business license in Vietnam • Work Permit* • Original Arrival Customs Declaration Card • Letter to Customs Department and Letter of Authorization with company stamp, which enable the agent to handle Customs on behalf of the consignee. 	<p>All shipments, unless diplomatic, are subject to physical inspection and to import duty, even for temporarily imports. Duty is calculated based on the tariff provided by the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>Shipper is allowed USD 300.00 duty free on the total value of the personal effects</p> <p>Books, CD's, audiotapes, computer disks, and antiques have to be censored by the Ministry of Culture prior to release (allow 01 week for clearance)</p> <p>Color printers and color copiers will be inspected by the Department of Communication and a separate licence will be issued for registration of installation.</p> <p>Shippers are allowed to import 01 sea and 01 air shipment. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis. Air shipments MUST arrive within 30 days of the shipper's arrival to Vietnam.</p>	<p>For clearance, allow 2 working days for air-shipments and 3 to 5 working days for sea-shipments (assuming the shipper provides all relevant documents).</p> <p>Shipper must specify on the arrival form under the unaccompanied luggage section that there will be a unaccompanied sea, an air, or both shipments coming after the shipper's arrival to Vietnam.</p> <p>Each family is allowed to bring in one set of each electrical item.</p> <p>Canned food is limited to the members of the client's family.</p>

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Diplomatic removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation letter from Consulate/Embassy to Customs Department • Passport Copy • Visa Copy • Original BL/AWB • Diplomatic Identification Card • Duty free book • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>Personal effects shipments are imported duty free.</p> <p>Quantity of liquor that may be imported duty free varies depending on the degree of diplomatic statut.</p>	For clearance, allow 3-5 working days.
Remarks	<p>As from August 2008: work permits required to import personal effects shipments into Vietnam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation may not be in full affect for all ports of entries. • In most cases the shipper will not have a work permit within one to three months of their arrival to Vietnam • Work permits take approximately 6-12 weeks to process (if all documents are in order) 		
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing list. • Commercial invoice. • Chassis/engine number. • Company registration in Vietnam. • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>Diplomats may import a new, or less than 5 years old plus 80% new, car duty free based on allocated import quota.</p> <p>Non-Diplomatic: may import a new, or less than 5 years old plus 80% new, car and it must be left hand drive.</p> <p>Duty 170-250% of the value determined by the customs valuation book.</p> <p>Vehicle must arrive within 30days of shipper's arrival. All documents related to the vehicle must be in the name of the shipper.</p>	<p>For clearance, allow 10 to 15 working days.</p> <p>For Hanoi NON - diplomats CANNOT import vehicles even if they agree to pay duty and taxes.</p>
Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information required: name, age, material, origin, photograph 	Item will be inspected and registered upon entry (take an additional 2-3 days).	Should be clearly noted on packing list and carton. Send photograph and documented item

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Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory with exact number, size of bottles and strength of liquor. • AWB or B/L with consignee mentioned in name & address of shipper's company in Vietnam. • Letter applying for the importation with shipper's company/organisation stamp. • Letter of authorisation to the Movers. 	<p>Import tax is from 125% to 150%.</p> <p>Liquor: The following amounts are duty free: liquor of 22% proof or higher (1.5 litres), liquor of under 22% proof (2 litres), alcoholic drinks, beer (3 litres).</p> <p>Tobacco: The following amounts duty free: rolled cigarettes (400 cigarettes), cigars (100 cigars, shredded tobacco (5 grams)</p>	For clearance, allow 3 days for air-shipments, 10 days for sea-shipments.
Domestic pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWB. • Valid Heath Certificate from Origin • Current Vaccination Records (including rabies vaccination) • Sanitary certificate from the Veterinary Diagnostics & Inspection Centre. <p>For pets travelling as cargo, same requirements apply as the personal effects shipments, including the above documents.</p>		Clearance should be same day as arrival
Firearms and weapons	FORBIDDEN		
Restricted Items		Weapons, ammunition, radio transmitters, narcotics, drugs, pornographic/subversive materials, satellite dishes, publications motioning/referring to Vietnam, used motorbikes.	