



**T.C. TİCARET BAKANLIĞI**

***CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION  
FOR PASSENGERS  
INFORMATION SHEET***

## ***What is Personal Belongings Exemption?***



Exemption shall be granted to belongings covered in Article 58, "Personal Belongings" of Resolution Number 2009/15481 and in Appendix-9 attached to the Resolution.

Items listed in section (A) of Appendix-9 may only be brought as accompanied baggage and those listed in section (B) may be brought as accompanied baggage or one month prior or three months after the arrival of passenger.



## ***How much exemption in Euros is applicable to accompanied gift items?***

This exemption shall be applicable to items not exceeding 430 Euros in total real value per passenger. However, this amount shall be applicable as 150 Euros for passengers under the age of 15.



## ***How is the accompanied baggage exemption applied?***



Exemption shall be granted to non-commercial accompanied items brought by passengers, excluding transit passengers, for personal or family use or for gift purposes and put into free circulation.

This exemption shall be applicable limited to the amount stated for items listed in Appendix-9 attached to the Resolution. Both exemption right for accompanied gift items of 430 Euros and personal belonging exemption right are limited for each passenger with the corresponding amounts for items listed in Appendix-9 attached to the Resolution. In other words, it is possible to bring the items in the list limited to the quantity/amount stated, independent of its value. For items not included in the list, the total value of the item should not exceed 430 Euros for exemption to be applied to the brought item.

## ***How exemption is applied to accompanied tobacco and tobacco products and alcoholic products?***



- The quantity and amount corresponding to each product type for tobacco and tobacco products and alcoholic products in list in Appendix-9 of the Resolution indicates the total allowance to be brought by a passenger for each product exempt from taxes.
- In addition, passengers under 18 may not avail from the exemption for tobacco and tobacco products and alcoholic products.
- The said products may not be brought by post or express cargo services but may be brought only as accompanied baggage.



## ***How the items are taxed in case of exceeding exemption limits?***

Exemption shall be applied to the part having total value of 150 Euros (passengers under the age of 15) or 430 Euros. In case the exemption values are exceeded, a single and fixed tax depending on the country it is brought (18% if directly brought from EU member states or 20% of brought from other countries) shall be applicable to the part remaining after deducting the tax corresponding to the exempt amount for items not exceeding 1500 Euros in value for each passenger over 18 or for each shipping.



If the total value of items in accompanied baggage exceeds 1500 Euros, then the effective rates of importation taxes on the said item shall be applicable.

Value of the items in accompanied baggage shall be determined based on the presented invoice, sales slip or document stating that the item price is paid. If such a document is not presented or if the value in the document is found to be low, then customs administration shall determine the value of the item.





## ***What are the conditions regarding items that will be put into free circulation via accompanied baggage or by post/express cargo with taxes paid?***

The item should;

- be brought as accompanied baggage or one month before or three months after the arrival of passenger or by post/express cargo from a foreign country;
  - not be at commercial amounts and not have commercial qualities;
  - be specific to personal or family use of the passenger;
- not exceed gross 30 kg for those items brought by post or express cargo service. (for diplomatic and passenger goods, this should not be applicable).

## ***What are the exceptions for items that passengers entering to Turkey may bring in accompanied baggage?***



If tourists bring, as accompanied baggage or by express cargo, special food products which they need to eat due to their faiths, then such food products shall be allowed in the country without seeking control and permission from Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, provided that concerned tourism organization documents to which passengers these items belong to and declares that such items will be consumed by these individuals.



If passengers travelling to and from other countries through our country from land border gates and those who come from or go to other countries return back from the country individuals shall avail from exemption for accompanied baggage gift items or personal belongings up to 10 times in a month.



The animal origin product are not allowed to enter into Turkey via passengers or by express cargo. If the product is a vegetal food product, up to three kg shall be held exempt.





## What are entry requirements for household pets?

You can bring your household pets (Totally 2 pets (cats, dogs or birds) or 10 aquarium fish provided that they are travelling via passenger.) without any problem, as long as your pet's documentation is correctly completed. Therefore, when you enter to Turkey from another country with your household pet, it needs to meet the entry requirements. These include;

- Certificate of vaccination
- Official veterinary certificate
- A vet passport or identification card.

After your arrival, your pet's health check is carried out by an official veterinarian. Meanwhile, you have to present required documents at the Turkish Customs.



## APPENDIX TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009/15481

### APPENDIX-9

#### LIST OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS IN ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE



#### FOOD PRODUCTS

- Tea **1 kg**
- Granule instant coffee **1 kg**
- Chocolate **1 kg**
- Food from sugar **1 kg**



#### CLOTHING AND TRAVELING ITEMS

- Items for clothing and finery of passenger
- Items for way of living of passenger and traveling items



#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- Maximum **3 units**, one for each handheld musical instruments.



#### SPORTS and GAME EQUIPMENT

- One camping tent
- One diver set
- One inflatable boat without engine
- One windsurf board with wind sail gear
- One pair of swimming flippers
- Golf equipment (excluding golf carts)
- Other **sports gear and clothing**, one for each, that can be used for passenger for **sports purposes** (parachute and ski sets included, jet ski and engine sea sledges excluded)



#### KITCHEN UTENSILS

- Kitchen utensils to be used in travel and small domestic appliances, one from each.



#### ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS

- Alcohol and alcoholic spirits with alcohol degree **1 lt** exceeding 22%
- Alcohol and alcoholic spirits with alcohol degree **2 lt** no exceeding 22%

## **ELECTRONIC / DIGITAL ITEMS**

- One unit of color TV set, either LCD or plasma, (up to 21" [21" included])
- One video camera (including 10 units of empty cassettes) and one camera (including memory card or 5)
- One laptop computer or PC, its parts and components (flash memory, external hard disk included)
- One unit of radio or radio cassette player
- One unit of any kind of voice and image recorder and player device and recordable record, tape cassette, CD, VCD, DVD not exceeding 10 in total)
- One unit of electronic game device with cassette or game card
- GSM cellular phone including those having TV, music, video player
- features (1 per two calendar years excluding foreign mission members)



## **HEALTHCARE DEVICES**

- Bed of sick passenger
- Powered or non-powered mobile chair for physically disabled
- Medication for personal treatment
- Medical devices for personal use
- Gas mask, protective garment

## **OTHERS**

- Dates and Zamzam water at amounts to be determined by the Undersecretariat and Department of Religious Affairs, which will be brought by passengers returning from Hadyj or Umrah as accompanied baggage or by post or express cargo.
- One pushchair for child passenger.
- Toys for child passenger.
- One iron for clothes.
- One bicycle.
- One hand binoculars (excluding night vision binoculars and spectacles and sharpshooters night vision binoculars)
- In case of traveling by car, tools and devices specific for the vehicle itself and for its driver (battery charging device, car vacuum cleaner operating on cigarette lighter, refrigerator operating on cigarette lighter, etc.)

## **TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

- Cigarettes 600 pcs
- Cigarillos 100 pcs  
(cigars not heavier than 3 g each)
- Cigars 50 pcs
- Shredded Tobacco 250 g  
(with 200 cigarette sheets)
- Pipe tobacco 250g

- Books or similar printed material for personal use.
- Totally 2 pets or 10 aquarium fish provided that they are included in the accompanied baggage (on condition of presenting veterinary health report, origin and vaccination document and, if any, identity and appearance document and of veterinary control)

## **COSMETIC PRODUCTS**

- Cologne, lavender, perfume, essence or lotion (up the 600 ml in total)
- Skin care and make-up product (5 pcs)



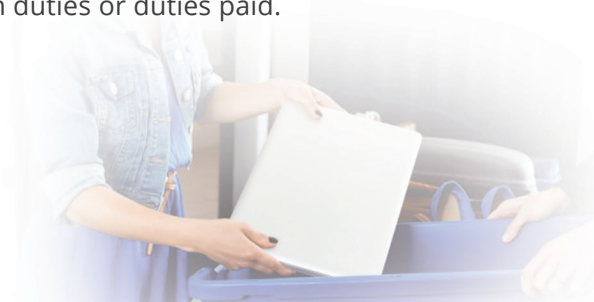




For a cellular phone (including those which have features to play TV, music, video) to be put into free circulation exempt from taxes, it should be included in accompanied baggage. As stated in list in Appendix-9 of Resolution, it is possible for each passenger, excluding foreign mission members, to bring cellular phones, limited with one unit per two calendar years and independent of the value of the item, into the country exempt from customs duties. In addition, it is not possible to bring cellular phones in gift item status or by post/express cargo exempt from duties or duties paid.



It is not possible to bring a gun as accompanied baggage. Otherwise, it shall be subject to normal customs procedures.



### *How exemption is applied to accompanied medication?*

Medication brought, as accompanied baggage or one month prior or three months after their arrivals, by passengers visiting our country for purposes of personal treatment included in Appendix-9 of the Resolution shall be allowed at reasonable amounts, considering the time the passengers will spend in our country and provided that a document (report from healthcare organization, doctor's report or prescription, etc.) stating that the passengers must use such medication during their travel is presented to the customs administration.



### *What are label fees to be charged to electronic devices in accompanied baggage?*

Customs administration shall charge, only for once, under the title of "Label Fee" and on behalf of TRT, the fees corresponding for electronic devices brought from abroad not for commercial importation purposes.





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