



## **CHINA**

### *Customs hints on importing diplomatic shipments of household goods*

In general, diplomats with diplomatic status can import duty-free personal and household goods, including automobiles, motorcycles and a maximum quantity of 300 bottles of wine and also 100 bottles of brandy and whisky into China. However, the diplomats must physically be in China to apply for the Import Permit before their shipment can process Customs clearance.

#### **1) IMPORT PERMIT :**

The Import Permit application form is available through the embassy. The processing time for the Import Permit is around 3 working days. In general, the documents required to apply for the Permit are:

- Application form (completed and stamped by the Embassy in China)
- Original Passport
- Original Diplomatic Card (issued by the Embassy)
- Letter from the Embassy certifying diplomatic status
- Notification Letter from the steamship line (available upon vessel arrived in Port)
- Copy of packing list in English (translated into Chinese by the Embassy)
- Copy of ocean bill of lading and/or airway bill

#### **2) CUSTOMS CLEARANCE :**

Asian Express will have to keep your passport for around 5 working days for Customs clearance. When the shipment arrives in Port, Asian Express will submit the required documents for Customs clearance which normally takes around 5 working days. For most cities in China, FCL shipments cannot be delivered in its own container due to road restrictions. If such arrangement is required, special permits, additional charges and pre-arrangement must be required subject to the delivery address and road access conditions. Furthermore, the container can only be delivered after 10:00 in the evening.

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