



HONG KONG

Section 1 of this document gives a brief overview of the country, whilst section 2 contains the customs requirements.

Section 1 – HONG KONG OVERVIEW

If you are planning to move to Asia for professional reasons, or to find more opportunities, Hong Kong could be your perfect destination, with its strong economy, and modern Westernised lifestyle. Often regarded as the place where “East meets West” Hong Kong offers a perfect fusion of Western and Eastern cultures.

Located on China’s south coast, and enclosed by the Pearl River Delta and the South China Sea, Hong Kong is a special administrative region of the People’s Republic of China (SAR). Hong Kong has a different political system from mainland China, and is one of the leading financial and business centres of the modern world. It has a capitalist service economy, with low levels of taxation, free trade, and is the world headquarters for many international corporations. Business and investment abound and the city-state also boasts high levels of economic competitiveness, a high quality of life, low levels of corruption, and a well developed transportation infrastructure.

While it might be challenging at first to get used to living in one of the world’s most vertical and most densely populated regions, where high rises are already brimming with tenants, Hong Kong can offer a comfortable and modern lifestyle and an abundance of business opportunities to settlers. And if you want to experience something different, you can always immerse yourself in Chinese culture and get away from the buzz of this cosmopolitan city to explore one of the beautiful offshore islands.

To find out more about Hong Kong why not visit <http://www.discoverhongkong.com/uk/index.jsp>

Section 2 - REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY OF HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS IMPORTED BY THE OWNER

IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS

Shipments of used household and personal effects may be imported duty free provided the shipper has owned and used them prior to shipment. Your local Simpsons partner will provide you with detailed customs regulations. We do not recommend the importation of alcohol as the duties are extremely high. All necessary documentation must be completed and submitted when requested, before your shipment is dispatched. Please note that you must be in the country in order to successfully complete all customs clearance procedures.

DOCUMENTATION

Simpsons and our agents will assist you with completion of the customs formalities. To assist us with this please let us have a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable). The required documentation will be supplied to you on arrival and to avoid any potential additional charges and delays, it is advisable that all the forms are completed and returned promptly to our Agents.

PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Foodstuffs, perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive or pornographic material

TRANSIT TIMES

Groupage or shared containers usually take an average of 8 – 12 weeks door to door. However, this can vary depending on volumes being shipped, customs or immigration delays and prevailing weather conditions. Sole use container loads take on average 5 – 6 weeks door to door.

MOTOR VEHICLES

The import of Motor Vehicles is comparatively simple, however the registration process is costly and can take time. Your Simpsons consultant can give you more information if you wish to ship your vehicle to Hong Kong.

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