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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Removal Goods-HHG/PE - Foreigner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Passport with Residence Permit. ▪ Original Work Permit. ▪ Original Employment Approval Letter issuing by the Foreign Expert Bureau (For Beijing). ▪ Application form for export of personal effects. ▪ Power of attorney of customs declaration of non-trading goods. ▪ Packing list. ▪ Air shipments: authorization form for the export of personal effects. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residence Permit needs to show: past 12 months at Shanghai; full year at Beijing validity, if have recently renewed passport and one-year residence permit is attached to old passport, your local agent requires both the old and new passports. ▪ Original Work Permit needs to show past 12 months at Shanghai; full year at Beijing validity, if not, previous work permit needs to be provided as well, or Copy of Work Permit and Original Cancellation Letter as long as Work Permit is cancelled.
<p>Removal Goods - Chinese</p>	<p>Shanghai required documents for export customs clearance are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chinese to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original valid Exit-Entry Permit to HK, Macau or Taiwan ▪ Power of attorney for customs declaration of non-trading goods ▪ Declaration Form ▪ Air shipments: Authorization Form for the export of personal effects ▪ Chinese to Other Countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Passport with Visa of destination country 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exit-Entry Permit must be valid for at least a full year. ▪ Destination visa must be valid. ▪ Original passport with visa of destination country (valid at least a full year). ▪ Otherwise, the certificate of work permit and employment pass issued by the destination country and explanation letter to the customs.

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Removal Goods - Hong Kong Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original HK ID card, Entry permit for HK resident 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shanghai: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the arrival date to the date of

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Registration Form of Temporary Residence or Original Residence Permit (Ju Zhu Zheng) ▪ Application form for export of personal effects ▪ Power of attorney for customs declaration of non-trading goods ▪ Air shipments: Authorization Form for the export of personal effects 		<p>export clearance must be more than 365 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beijing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Registration Form of Temporary Residence or Original Residence Permit (Ju Zhu Zheng) needs to show 12 months validity.
Removal Goods - Taiwan Resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Tai Bao Zheng Or Original Entry Permit for Taiwan resident ▪ Original Registration Form of Temporary Residence ▪ Application form for export of personal effects ▪ Power of attorney for customs declaration of non-trading goods ▪ Air shipments: Authorization Form for the export of personal effects 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shanghai: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ From the arrival date to the date of export clearance must be more than a full year. ▪ Beijing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Registration Form of Temporary Residence or Original Residence Permit (Ju Zhu Zheng) needs to show 12 months validity.
Removal goods - Diplomatic Personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passport copy ▪ Diplomatic ID card copy ▪ Letter to be stamped by your embassy / consulate authorizing moving company ▪ Customs permit issued by China customs to your diplomatic mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moving company needs to provide the following information to the embassy / consulate so they can apply for the export permit at customs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list ▪ Number of packages ▪ Weight of the shipment ▪ Freight booking order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to the special status of diplomatic shipments, the Consulate / Embassy in Shanghai or Beijing will have to arrange for the Export Permit Application. ▪ Documents & Process for diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Per law, export permits for diplomats and those on service passports in post in China must be processed by their diplomatic mission and not a customs broker. This should be applied after the move and can take 3-5 working days. ▪ The following documents will be needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomatic ID Card ▪ Packing list provided by mover ▪ Application form for export permit

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If shipper owns a vehicle registered under a diplomatic license and is shipping this car, the proof of de-registratgion from the Transportation Bureau. If the car is not being shipped, customs will require proof that the car was sold on.
<p>Visas</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Under COVID, the normal entry process into China is suspended and newcomers should apply for a PU letter first. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is likely to change soon since on March 15, 2021, China has started rolling out a process whereby those applicants vaccinated with a China certified COVID vaccine can by-pass the PU system and again apply for a visa as before. ▪ However, due to logistical issues in vaccinations, this is likely to see a slow implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is recommended to ask shippers to opt for multi-years visa. ▪ Applicable in Shanghai as from 22 July 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shanghai Foreign Investment Commercial Bureau (SFICB) requires pre-assessment of the Chinese Visa Invitation Letter application documents before issuance of official Invitation Letter for foreign applicants. ▪ This Invitation Letter is for purposes of the entry Z-visa, M-visa and F-visa application at the Chinese Embassies / Consulates abroad. ▪ Total processing time for the Chinese Visa Invitation Letter: 5 working days. ▪ China continues to have restrictions on issuing Multiple Journey/Entry Visas to all foreigners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The maximum duration of stay for business visa holders and for tourist visa holders will be determined by the Chinese consulate overseas as to whether the visa will be issued for 30, 60 or 90 days respectively. ▪ Starting Nov 1, 2016, Shanghai and a few other places spearheaded a pilot program (point-based system) to roll out the unified work permit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This has been rolled out nationwide on April 1, 2017 and means there are no

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			<p>longer people classified as expert. Even these will have a work permit and it will streamline both immigration and customs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main goal of this reform is to ensure that all provinces handle immigration cases in a similar manner and that for those qualified applicants, the process be standardized and streamlined.
Books		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manuscripts and historic books that have historic/artistic/scientific values ▪ Pirated books ▪ Books that promote illegal content such as anti – communist ideas, promote illegal sects or contain maps that do not accurately depict China’s border ▪ Books with pornographic contents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be within reasonable quantity of personal use. ▪ Chinese shippers should be aware of import restrictions.
CD-DVD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pornographic materials ▪ confiscated CDs/DVDs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be within reasonable quantity of personal use. ▪ Chinese shippers should be aware of import restrictions.
Furniture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Furniture are allowed to export for both expatriates and Chinese Passport holder. ▪ Grand pianos cannot be exported through Shanghai. ▪ Pianos are allowed to export for both expatriates and Chinese Passport holder through Beijing. 	
Office items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documents required for Export Permit are the same as household goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The reasonable amount of office computer, books, decoration or small amount of files could be exported with the personal effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your agent for specific advice and information.

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		<p>at the same shipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office items could not be sent alone. ▪ Copier is not allowed to export. 	
Cars and Mini-vans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Docs required for used car export from Nanjing port: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Original passport 2. Original residence permit 3. Original work permit 4. Motor vehicle registration certificate 5. Vehicle License 6. Original purchase invoice of car 7. Copy of Vehicle tax payment certificate ▪ Nanjing customs will need these documents at least 2-3 weeks prior to handover of car for customs clearance they requires a pre-check. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Export restrictions are governed at the local level. ▪ Only diplomats can export used cars from most cities, however a number of ports including Nanjing and Dalian are licensed to export of private vehicles for non-diplomats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your agent for specific advice and information.
Food		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be dry goods in original/sealed packaging, canned or vacuum packed in Shanghai. Beijing does not recommend to pack any food. ▪ Cannot be fresh, dairy, eggs, honey, unprocessed grains; seeds; nuts, live plants/bulbs or any perishables (no live animals or fresh milk). ▪ Milk powder, chicken essence, beef or chicken extract, meat products and/or meat by-products are not allowed (this includes all forms of pet food). 	
Forbidden and Restricted Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forbidden Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons ▪ Imitation weapons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air shipment – further restrictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Per CAAC regulations, the following items are not allowed to be included into AIR

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ammunition ▪ Drugs ▪ Pornographic and politically subversive material ▪ Liquor (Beijing) ▪ Lithium batteries for scooters (Shanghai) ▪ The following items are restricted in all export shipments per China laws and regulations□ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All materials which are illegal to possess in the PRC. This can include (but is not limited to)□ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guns ▪ Blade weapons such as daggers and swords (kitchen knives are authorized) ▪ Satellite receivers not approved for China market ▪ Pornographic or indecent materials ▪ Any material that is contrary to public morals, glorifies illegal cults or brings into disrepute China or communism ▪ Maps and globes that depict incorrect borders of the PRC. ▪ Any object made from or that contains materials from endangered species as defined via the CITES convention. This includes certain types of corals, woods, animal parts, ivory, etc ▪ Commercial use goods ▪ Some types of “motorized” goods such as lawn mowers ▪ Lithium batteries such as those for use in electric scooters 	<p>shipments□</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any liquid, gel or powder ▪ Any battery including core batteries (this means IMACs or such appliances will not be accepted) ▪ Any magnet or item emitting magnetic force ▪ Plants or other living items ▪ Flammable, pressurized or explosive materials ▪ Appliances driven by a motor ▪ All knives, including kitchen knives, table knives ▪ Food items and medications ▪ Any item or material listed as “Dangerous Goods” by IATA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please note that the above restrictions are currently in place in China, as it has not fully ratified the IATA convention. Contravention of these restrictions can lead to delays and extra fees / fines being imposed. ▪ As of summer 2020, CAAC security department has upgraded its equipment to much more powerful automated X-Ray and scanning equipment, thus making compliance to the above regulations even more important than before.

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Pets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only pet dog and pet cat are allowed to export. ▪ Import restrictions are governed at the local level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check with origin agent for specific advice and information.
Computers			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computer with build-in battery is not allowed to export via air shipment in Shanghai. ▪ Computer with built-in battery is not allowed to export via air shipment in Shanghai ▪ Reasonable computers are allowed to export. ▪ Please contact your agent for more details.
Alcohol			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only reasonable quantity of alcohol is allowed export via sea shipment in Shanghai. Please contact your origin agent for specific advice and information. ▪ Alcohol is not allowed export in Beijing.
Dutiable Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shanghai customs do not charge duty for export shipment. 	
Fumigation / Disinfection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chinese Quarantine Bureau does not have fumigation/disinfection requirement for export shipment. 	
Antiques		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Items made before 1795 CANNOT be exported, as set down by Chinese law; ▪ Items made between 1795 and 1949, and items that were made in 1966 or before from the ethnic minorities can be exported, but require a label by the Relics Control Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anything considered of cultural or of historical importance will not be chopped for export. ▪ Relics Control Committee grant a label for items which are allowed to export. ▪ In practice relics inspection are now only done in Beijing.



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