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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Passport Inventory list (English only) Copy B/L telex release Custom declaration (ask your local agent) Authorization letter (ask your local agent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the Customs documents have been accepted by Customs, the local agent will proceed with the Customs Inspection. When inspection is completed, the shipment will be released and available for delivery. 	
Diplomatic Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duty clearance certificate from ministry of foreign affairs Inventory/packing list, copy AWB/OBL (telex release is acceptable) Diplomatic ID Card Passport (identification page) Custom declaration (ask your local agent) Authorization letter (ask your local agent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the Embassy/Consulate has completed all import document formalities, the local agent will arrange for a Customs clearance. Shipments of diplomatic status will NOT undergo physical Customs Inspection. 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Document Requirements (additional to above): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof of Ownership, Details of vehicle, make, model etc. Other documents will be prepared by EFL Relocation and will require the customer to sign and stamp with company seal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diplomatic personal vehicle shipments are duty free. Diplomats, United Nations officials and some NGO organizations are permitted to import a motor vehicle duty free providing that they hold a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sri Lankan Government or hold an official duty free facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other than the diplomats, personals may apply duties and taxes for all vehicle imports. It is not recommended to private individuals to bring their USED / NEW vehicles to Sri Lanka under personal effects. For further information, please contact your local agent.
Wine & alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No special documents required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sri Lankan customs only allowed 2 bottles of Wine & Alcohols. Rest will considered as a commercial quantity and DUTY/TAXES will apply. 	

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Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of owners passport ▪ Copy of AWB ▪ International Zoo sanitary Veterinary Health Certificate ▪ Blood Test Reports ▪ Vaccination Records ▪ Parasitic Treatment Records ▪ Import permit from Sri Lanka quarantine (your local agent can arrange) ▪ Import control permit (your local agent can arrange) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Custom clearance and quarantine inspection will take place on arrival at Colombo airport and may kept the animal minimum 24 hours at Airport animal lodge till complete quarantine requirements. 	
Wedding Trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No special requirements 		
Inheritance			
Precious metal objects			
Restricted items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol ▪ Furniture ▪ Bicycles ▪ Clothes & personal belongings (duty free with reasonable quantity) ▪ Computer software, including floppy disks, music discs, tapes and all video tapes ▪ Videos, CD's (will be screened for contents) ▪ Vehicles or vehicle parts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duties on consumer electronics ▪ More information at http://www.customs.gov.lk/public/files/law/rules/ScheduleB.pdf
Prohibited items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cash ▪ Guns & Weapons ▪ Animal parts ▪ Antiques & High value items ▪ Live plants 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More information at http://www.customs.gov.lk/public/files/law/rules/ScheduleB.pdf
Alcohol (for diplomats and non-diplomats)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No special documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only 2 bottles are allowed 	

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Customs Clearance timeframe		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air shipments: 1 - 2 working days (*After transferred to CFS) ▪ FCL: 3 - 4 working days (*After container discharged at Colombo port) ▪ LCL: 2 - 3 working days (*After transferred to CFS, Transfer LCL to CFS will take 10-12 working days) 	



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