

Export of Household Goods out of China

The export clearance process for outbound shipments of personal and household goods in China varies from one city to another. However, in general, the documents required for export clearance are as follows:

1. For an expatriate whose household goods are exported from the city where his residence visa and work permit are issued

Application form for export of personal articles from China (The form will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer)

Original Passport

Original Resident Permit (issued for at least 12 months)

Original Work Permit (issued for at least 12 months)

Customs Power of attorney letter (The letter will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer. The letter is to entrust Excel Moving to clear customs on behalf of the customer)

Original packing List

(Excel Moving will need to hold onto your original passport and work permit for a maximum of 3 working days after the pickup of your shipment)

2. For an expatriate whose household goods are exported from the city other than the one where his residence visa and work permit are issued

An export permit must be obtained from the customs of the city where his residence visa and work permit are issued before the move. The export permit will be used for customs clearance at the departure port of your shipment)

Original Passport

Original Resident Permit (issued for at least 12 months)

Original Work Permit (issued for at least 12 months)

Customs Power of attorney letter (The letter will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer. The letter is to entrust Excel Moving to clear customs on behalf of the customer)

Original packing List

(Excel Moving could assist the customer in obtaining the export permit from the customs of the city where his residence visa and work permit are issued. Excel Moving will need to hold onto your original passport and work permit for a maximum of 3 working days after the pickup of your shipment.)



3. For a HK or Macau citizen

Application form for export of personal articles from China (The form will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer) The original Entry & Exit Card for HK and Macau citizens The original HK or Macau Identification card The temporary residence certificate (issued for at least 12 months) Customs Power of attorney letter (The letter will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer. The letter is to entrust Excel Moving to clear customs on behalf of the customer)

Original packing List

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4. For a Chinese citizen

Application form for export of personal articles from China (The form will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer)

Original Passport

The passport must bear long term residence visa of the country where the shipment is sent to.

Customs Power of attorney letter (The letter will be provided by Excel Moving and will need to be signed by the customer. The letter is to entrust Excel Moving to clear customs on behalf of the customer)

Original packing List

(Excel Moving will need to hold onto your original passport for a maximum of 3 working days after the pickup of your shipment)

5. EXPORT RESTRICTIONS :

Antiques & Refurbished Furniture

For many clients moving out of China, there is the issue of antiques. As a general guideline, anything from before 1949 can be considered an antique by Chinese authorities, and may therefore be prohibited from leaving China. It is often very difficult to determine just how old a piece of furniture or porcelain really is.

Antiques Inspection

If you have purchased antiques, refurbished furniture resembling antiques, or any items that look old,



you must have an antique inspection performed by the Antiques and Relics Bureau prior to Excel Moving packing your shipment; otherwise your entire shipment may be detained by Customs for thorough inspection at the port resulting to delay, demurrage and other additional fees. Upon request, Excel Moving can arrange for the antique inspectors from the Relics Bureau to visit your residence for a physical inspection.

During the inspection, please ensure that anything that could be considered an antique is made available for the inspectors to examine. You must also present your original passport and pay the fees in Renminbi cash to the inspectors. If the pieces are permitted for export, an easy-to-remove wax seal will be placed by the inspectors on each item. Please do NOT clean nor wash away the wax as it is the proof of the items being inspected and approved for export. If the pieces are not approved for export, it may be confiscated immediately by the inspectors. It is advisable to have a person who speaks Mandarin (the local language) to be present during the inspection and to assist with the arrangements.Excel Moving can assist in acting as a translator.

After the inspection, a Certificate listing the items that are approved for export will be given by the inspectors. Excel Moving will submit the Certificate to Customs for export Customs clearance of your shipment. Please note that Customs at the port are not experts in identifying antiques. Therefore, if an item resembles an antique, but has not been inspected or approved for export and is detected by Customs in the shipment during inspection, the entire shipment may be detained by Customs for further inspection. Please note that Excel Moving will not knowingly pack items of antiquity and shall not be responsible or liable for any costs and/or consequences that may occur if any are detected by Customs.

Chinese Medicine & Herbs

Chinese herbs and certain kinds of Chinese medicine may be prohibited from export. Should you have any traditional Chinese medicine and herbs, Excel Moving may assist you to determine whether the items are qualified for export.

Pirated CDs & DVDs

Due to Chinese Customs regulations concerning piracy, it is strictly forbidden for any pirated CDs and DVDs to be exported in your shipment.

Animal Products

Rare animal products, such as ivory and skins, are strictly prohibited for exported.

Motor Vehicles & Motorcycles

Motor vehicles and motorcycles are restricted for exporting from China except with diplomatic status.

6. FUMIGATION :



Subject to the importation requirements of certain countries, Excel Moving will arrange for the appropriate fumigation of shipments for export.

7. EXPORT CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS :

All outbound shipments (apart from Diplomatic shipments) are subject to 100% Customs inspection and are checked against the packing list. You do not have to be present during clearance. Any items that are not properly declared and/or approved for export may be confiscated and penalties levied. Owner-packed cartons can lead to extensive scrutiny from Customs officials. It is advisable to have Excel Moving pack all items of your shipment.