

Customs Guide JAMAICA
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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	<ul> <li>2 copies of passport data page and landing stamp and letter of authorization - notarised by a J.P.</li> <li>Resident Permit.</li> <li>Work permit &amp; letter of employment.</li> <li>Tax Registration Number (TRN).</li> <li>Taxes compliance certificate for import of auto.</li> <li>Inventory &amp; AWB/OBL.</li> <li>Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> <li>Returning resident:         <ul> <li>Same as above.</li> <li>Customs declaration form (C.5) provided to the Customs officer at the time of arrival at the airport in Jamaica.</li> <li>Tax returns - Including W-2/1099, P-60,T4,</li> <li>Letter of separation from employer.</li> <li>Pension advice/Social Security Letter where applicable.</li> <li>Documents proving customer has lived outside of Jamaica for more than 3 years.</li> <li>Document stating customer's intention to re-establish permanent residence in Jamaica.</li> <li>Unconditional stamp if Jamaican and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All new items (less than six months old)/</li> <li>Dutiable for non-returning residents. £</li> <li>invoices must be provided for all new items.</li> <li>Duty, if due on items, is determined after examination of the goods by customs at the stripping station:</li> <li>Based on the CIF value</li> <li>Will be between 5% to 40%.</li> <li>In addition, government consumption tax of 16.5% depending on the item assessed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All passengers must complete the C-27 form upon arrival at airport/seaport if they are expecting luggage/household effects to arrive before or after their arrival.</li> <li>The form is valid for 3 months or has to be renewed.</li> <li>Extracts need to be obtained if more than one shipment is expected.</li> <li>Customer must be in the country for clearance.</li> </ul>

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	arriving on foreign passport.		
Diplomats Removals	<ul><li>B/L.</li><li>Consular letter asking for free entry.</li><li>Inventory.</li></ul>	No examination.	
Wedding trousseaux	<ul> <li>Passenger declaration if the owner is a returning resident.</li> </ul>		Complete outfit for bride and groom.
Inheritance	<ul> <li>Personal effects of citizens of Jamaica or for or persons ordinarily domiciled in Jamaica: death certificate.</li> </ul>	Examination/Affidavit from lawyers.	
Electrical & Household Appliances	<ul> <li>B/L.</li> <li>Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Examination.</li> <li>Returning resident may import duty free one new appliance and electronic equipment/computer, used household goods and tools of trade.</li> </ul>	Electrical and electronic equipment may not be compatible with the Jamaican electrical system 220/110V 50cycle.
Works of art & Antiques	<ul> <li>B/L.</li> <li>Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Duty free if the Works of art are part of bonafide household effects, large quantities to be accompanied by certificate from Antique Dealers Association of the country of exportation.</li> </ul>	
Precious metal objects		<ul> <li>Subject to payment of duties.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commercial or large import:</li> <li>Import licence.</li> <li>Items value.</li> <li>Bank guarantee required.</li> </ul>
Carpets	<ul><li>Used:</li><li>Unaccompanied Baggage declaration</li></ul>		Free entry, passenger's declaration to be filled in by passenger on arrival.

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	form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.  New:  Unaccompanied Baggage declaration form (C.27) provided at the airport upon arrival in Jamaica.  Invoice.		<ul> <li>Goods to arrive two months prior to arrival of passenger or within the timeframe decided upon by the Collector General.</li> </ul>
Presents & Souvenirs	<ul><li>Inventory.</li><li>Price list.</li><li>Import licence.</li></ul>		
Motor vehicles	<ul> <li>Import licence.</li> <li>Passport.</li> <li>Driver's licence.</li> <li>Insurance certificate.</li> <li>Certificate of Title or registration documents.</li> <li>Invoice.</li> <li>Tax Compliance Certificate.</li> </ul>	Duty is payable. Customs will assess its value on local market for this purpose.	<ul> <li>Import licence must be obtained before the vehicle is shipped.</li> <li>Customer can drive in Jamaica for one year before a Jamaican licence is required.</li> <li>Used vehicles cannot be more than four years old.</li> </ul>
Other vehicles	<ul><li>Import licence.</li><li>Proof of ownership.</li><li>B/L.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Duty is payable. Customs will assess its local value, for this purpose.</li> </ul>	
Machines, appliances, spare parts	<ul><li>Invoice.</li><li>Import licence and entry.</li></ul>	Subject to payment of duties.	
Alcohol		One bottle of spirit and wine duty-free.	
Tins & food	<ul><li>Import licence.</li><li>Value.</li></ul>		Only sufficient for immediate use of family - duty might be payable at customs discretion.
Prohibited items		<ul><li>Arms, ammunition.</li><li>Dangerous objects.</li></ul>	

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Medicines, narcotics	<ul><li>Import licence.</li><li>Drugs/Poison permit.</li><li>Value.</li></ul>		<ul> <li>Preferably not shipped with household effects.</li> </ul>
Plants	<ul><li>Ministry of Agriculture permit.</li><li>Fumigation or certificate of health.</li></ul>		
Pets	<ul><li>Ministry of Agriculture permit.</li><li>Quarantine.</li><li>Entry.</li></ul>	Duty free entry.	<ul> <li>A permit from the Veterinary division of the Ministry of Agriculture must be obtained prior to importation.</li> <li>Dogs and cats born and bred in the United Kingdom are the only dogs and cats permitted for importation.</li> </ul>

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