



Summary of U.S. Customs Regulations

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) declaration form (Form 6059B) will be distributed to you upon your arrival by the flight attendant or immigration official. Complete the declaration form prior to your arrival in order to expedite your CBP clearance. When completing the written declaration, you must list all foreign goods accompanying you, other than your personal effects such as clothing, toiletries, jewelry, cameras, etc. The purchase price of foreign articles that you declare must be stated in U.S. dollars. If you are arriving in the United States by land transportation, then you will make an oral declaration of all foreign articles.

Please see the following list of exemptions to further clarify what you are required to declare:

- *Personal effects:* You may bring any personal effects (clothing, toiletries, jewelry, sporting goods, cameras, radios, etc.), provided that they are for personal use, belong to you, and will accompany you both into and out of the United States.
- *Bringing your personal computer to the United States:* If you bring your personal computer with you, you should include it on your declaration form (Form 6059B) upon arrival in the United States as part of your personal effects.
- *Currency:* There are no restrictions on the import of U.S. or foreign currency, but you must file a report with U.S. Customs and Border Protection if you wish to bring more than U.S. \$10,000 into the United States.
- *Fruits, Vegetables, Plants, Meats, Livestock and Poultry:* Many fruits, vegetables, plants, cuttings, seeds, unprocessed plant products and certain endangered plant species are either prohibited from entering the United States or require an import permit. Every single plant, plant product, fruit or vegetable must be declared to the CBP officer or CBP Agriculture Specialist for pest inspection. Also, meats, livestock, poultry and their by-products are either prohibited or restricted entry into the United States depending on their country of origin. Most commercially canned or processed items are admissible. Applications for import permits or requests for information can be made by contacting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at www.aphis.usda.gov.
- *Alcohol and tobacco:* Each traveler over 21 years of age may import up to one liter of alcoholic beverage and either 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or two kilograms of smoking tobacco for personal use. Cigars may not be of Cuban origin.
- *Gifts:* You may bring in gift items up to a total value of \$100. Gifts may not include alcoholic beverages, perfumes containing alcohol with a retail value of more than \$5 or cigarettes. However, an additional 100 cigars (not of Cuban origin) may be brought in addition to the allotted amount under the alcohol and tobacco exemption.
- *Computers purchased in the United States:* If you purchased a computer for more than \$2,500, you will need to complete a Shippers' Export Declaration form before leaving the United States. You can obtain this form from your airline.

This information is excerpted from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's website. For the most up-to-date customs information, please refer to www.cbp.gov.
