



MOVING FROM CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES



WITH UNITED VAN LINES AND MAYFLOWER

Household Goods and Personal Effects

Our goal is to make your relocation process as uncomplicated as possible, by following all procedures and providing the required documentation to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Although we can offer expertise in cross-border customs procedures, enforcement by Customs Authorities is beyond our control. It is important that you also understand your responsibilities and the documentation requirements. We encourage you to contact the government agencies listed at the end of this brochure for more detailed information.

For shipments entering the U.S. on board one of our carriers, the Van Operator will declare and customs clear your household goods and personal effects at the border on your behalf. In order to do so, we will require you to fill out a Customs Declaration form entitled "Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles" also known as the "3299 form". This form is to be completed by all persons seeking free entry of their goods that are sent through a carrier as opposed to the goods accompanying the importer. The 3299 form allows you to transfer the right of entry to the carrier, as such, acting as an informal power of attorney.

Your move coordinator will provide you with the 3299 form which would need to be returned to your move coordinator, along with the other required documentation listed below. The required documentation will be dependent on your status in the U.S.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Returning U.S. Citizens

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 form)
- Clear copy of the picture page of the shipper's passport and each family member's passport travelling with you (anyone listed under #7 of the 3299 form)

Canadian Citizens

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 form)
- Clear copy of the picture page of the shipper's passport and each family member's passport travelling with you (anyone listed under #7 of the 3299 Form)
- Clear copy of your Visa and Admission Stamp / I-94 Departure Record/Electronic Admission Number (applicable to all family members listed under #7 on the 3299 Form)
- Copy of marriage certificate if your spouse has a different last name

NOTE: Canadian Citizens must enter the U.S. before their household goods can cross the border, in order to activate their Visa and receive their I-94 Departure Record/Electronic Admission Number.



Foreign Citizens

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 Form)
- Clear copy of the picture page of the shipper's passport and each family member's passport travelling with you (anyone listed under #7 of the 3299 Form)
- Clear copy of your legal status in Canada (i.e. Canadian Work Permit / Permanent Resident Card)
- Clear copy of your Visa and Admission Stamp / I-94 Departure Record (applicable to all family members listed under #7 on the 3299 Form)
- Copy of marriage certificate if your spouse has a different last name

NOTE: Foreign Citizens must enter the U.S. before their household goods can cross the border, in order to activate their Visa and receive their I-94 Departure Record/Electronic Admission Number.

Snowbirds

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 Form)
- Clear copy of the picture page of the shipper's passport and each family member's passport travelling with you (anyone listed under #7 of the 3299 Form)
- Notarized Letter stating that:
 - You are not planning on residing in the U.S. for a period longer than 6 months
 - You are maintaining a permanent residence in Canada
 - You have no intention of seeking employment and/or residency status in the U.S.
- Proof of equity in Canada for the past 6 months (i.e. utility bill, bank statement)
- Proof of residential purchase or rental agreement for property in the U.S.

Inheritance

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 Form)
- Clear copy of the picture page of the shipper's passport and each family member's passport travelling with you (anyone listed under #7 of the 3299 Form)
- Clear copy of your Visa and Admission Stamp / I-94 Departure Record (applicable to all family members listed under #7 on the 3299 Form)
- Copy of Death Certificate
- Copy of Will – If a Will is not available, a Notarized Letter from the Executor of the Estate will be sufficient

Gifted Goods

- Completed and signed Declaration for Free Entry of Unaccompanied Articles (3299 Form) signed by receiver
- Clear copy of the picture page of the receiver's and sender's passport
- Clear copy of Visa and Admission Stamp / I-94 for receiver (if applicable)
- Notarized Letter stating that the goods are being gifted. The letter should include the value of goods

NOTE: Duties and taxes may be applicable for gifted goods.



Prohibited Items (items forbidden by law)

- Liquor filled candies
- Absinthe (alcohol)
- Lottery Tickets
- Narcotics and dangerous drugs / drug paraphernalia
- Obscene articles and publications
- Hazardous articles (fireworks, dangerous toys and toxic or poisonous substances)
- Switchblade knives
- Dog and Cat fur

Wildlife Products

- Certain wildlife products; ivory products, sea turtle products, items made from endangered or threatened animals such as cheetahs, jaguars and tigers
 - Other wildlife products from marine mammals may not be imported except by special permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service
- For more information, please contact the department governing wildlife in your destination state

Restricted Items (special licenses or permits are required from a Federal Agency)

- Firearms, weapons and explosives
- Alcohol
- Certain foods, plants and animal products
- Medication
- Biological Materials (organisms used for education or research must be accompanied with an import permit)
- Pirated copies of copyrighted books
- Merchandise originating from certain countries (Afghanistan, Angola, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Myanmar, North Korea, Sudan, former Yugoslavia)
- Cultural Artifacts and Cultural Property
- Money – More than \$10,000 in U.S., foreign coins, currency, traveler's checks, money orders or investment securities
- Persian Rugs – Unless you can prove they were purchased legally in the U.S.
- Trademarked Items – Imitation products

Alcohol and Wine

- You may include alcoholic beverages and wine in your shipment, pursuant to the laws of your destination state
- It will be your responsibility to contact the alcohol control board in your destination state, to determine whether or not the state requires a liquor import permit
- You must create a detailed inventory list of all alcoholic beverages and wine including: the brand name, quantity, volume per bottle, alcoholic content and price for each item
- Alcoholic beverages above the personal limit may be subject to duties and taxes
- If a liquor import permit is required, it could take anywhere from 2-4 weeks, so it is important to plan ahead prior to your move date



- **All paperwork must be submitted to your move coordinator at least 72 hours (3 business days) prior to your shipment load date**
- We will not be responsible for any spoiling, discoloration or broken bottles of liquor, wine or beer
- Choosing to include alcoholic beverages and wine in your shipment will be “SHIP AT OWNER’S RISK”

U.S. Food and Drug
Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993
1-888-463-6332
www.fda.gov

U.S. Customs and Border
Protection HQ
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20229
1-877-227-5511
www.cbp.gov

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Law Enforcement
P.O. Box 3247
Arlington, VA 22203
1-800-358-2104
www.fws.gov

U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, DC 20250
202-720-2791
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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,
Firearms and Explosives
99 New York Avenue N.E.
Washington, DC 20226
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