

# WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

FORM APPROVED  
OMB NO. 1515-0041

## CUSTOMS DECLARATION

19 CFR 122.27, 148.12, 148.13, 148.110, 148.111

Each arriving traveler or responsible family member must provide the following information (only ONE written declaration per family is required):

1. Family Name

2. First (Given) Name	3. Middle Initial(s)	4. Birth Date (day/mo/yr)
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5. Airline/Flight No. or Vessel Name or Vehicle License No.	6. Number of Family Members Traveling With You
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7. (a) Country of Citizenship	7. (b) Country of Residence
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8. (a) U.S. Address (Street Number/Hotel/Mailing Address in U.S.)
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8. (b) U.S. Address (City)	8. (c) U.S. Address (State)
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9. Countries visited on this trip prior to U.S. arrival	
a.	b.

c.	d.
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10. The purpose of my (our) trip is or was: (Check one or both boxes, if applicable)

Business  Personal

11. I am (We are) bringing fruits, plants, meats, food, soil, birds, snails, other live animals, wildlife products, farm products; or, have been on a farm or ranch outside the U.S.:

Yes  No

12. I am (We are) carrying currency or monetary instruments over \$10,000 U.S., or foreign equivalent:

Yes  No

13. I have (We have) commercial merchandise, U.S. or foreign: (Check one box only)

Yes  No

14. The total value of all goods, including commercial merchandise, I/we purchased or acquired abroad and am/are bringing to the U.S. is:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(U.S. Dollars)

(See the instructions on the back of this form under "MERCHANDISE" and use the space provided there to list all the items you must declare. If you have nothing to declare, write "- 0 -" in the space provided above.)

### SIGN BELOW AFTER YOU READ NOTICE ON REVERSE

I have read the notice on the reverse and have made a truthful declaration.

# X

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Customs use only -- Do not write below this line -- U.S. Customs use only

INSPECTOR'S BADGE NUMBER	STAMP AREA
TIME COMPLETED	

# NOTICE

**ALL PERSONS ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER QUESTIONING AND THEIR PERSONS, BELONGINGS, AND CONVEYANCE ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH. (19 CFR 162.3 - 162.8)**

The unlawful importation of controlled substances (narcotics, chemicals, prescription medicines if not accompanied by a prescription, etc.) regardless of amount is a violation of U.S. law.

## **AGRICULTURAL AND WILDLIFE PRODUCTS**

To prevent the entry of dangerous agricultural pests and prohibited wildlife, the following are restricted: Fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, soil, meats, meat products, birds, snails, and other live animals or animal products, wildlife and wildlife products. Failure to declare all such items to a Customs/Agricultural/Wildlife officer can result in penalties and the items may be subject to seizure.

## **CURRENCY AND MONETARY INSTRUMENTS**

The transportation of currency or monetary instruments, **REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT, IS LEGAL**; however, if you take out of or bring into the United States more than \$10,000 (U.S. or foreign equivalent, or a combination of the two) in coin, currency, traveler's checks or bearer instruments such as money orders, personal or cashier's checks, stocks or bonds, you are required **BY LAW** to **FILE** a report on Form 4790 with the U.S. Customs Service. If you have someone else carry the currency or instruments for you, you must also file the report. **FAILURE TO FILE THE REQUIRED REPORT OR FAILURE TO REPORT THE TOTAL AMOUNT YOU ARE CARRYING MAY LEAD TO THE SEIZURE OF ALL THE CURRENCY OR INSTRUMENTS, AND MAY SUBJECT YOU TO CIVIL PENALTIES AND/OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.**

## **MERCHANDISE**

**VISITORS (NON-RESIDENTS)** must declare in item 14 the total value of all articles intended for others and all items intended to be sold or left in the U.S. This includes all gifts and commercial items or samples. (EXCEPTION: Your own personal effects, such as clothing, personal jewelry and camera equipment, luggage, etc., need not be declared.)

**U.S. RESIDENTS** must declare in Item 14 the total value of **ALL** articles, including commercial goods and samples, they acquired abroad (whether new or used; dutiable or not; and whether obtained by purchase, received as a gift, or otherwise), including those articles purchased in **DUTY FREE STORES IN THE U.S. OR ABROAD**, which are in their possession at the time of arrival. Articles which you acquired on this trip mailed from abroad, (other than articles acquired in insular possessions and various Caribbean Basin countries) are dutiable upon their arrival in the U.S.

**THE AMOUNT OF DUTY TO BE PAID** will be determined by a Customs officer. U.S. residents are normally entitled to a duty free exemption of \$400 on those items accompanying them; non-residents are normally entitled to an exemption of \$100. Duty is normally a flat rate of 10% on the first \$1000 above the exemption. If the value of goods declared in Item 14 **EXCEEDS \$1400 PER PERSON**, then list **ALL** articles below and show price paid in U.S. dollars or, for gifts, fair retail value. Please describe all articles by their common names and material. For example: **MAN'S WOOL KNIT SWEATER; DIAMOND AND GOLD RING;** etc. Also, please have all your receipts ready to present to the Customs officer, if requested. This will help to facilitate the inspection process.

**COMMERCIAL MERCHANDISE** can be defined as articles for sale, for soliciting orders, or other goods not considered personal effects of the traveler.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT MUST BE REPORTED OR DECLARED, ASK A CUSTOMS OFFICER**

<b>DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES</b> <i>(List may be continued on another Form 6059B)</i>	<b>VALUE</b>	<b>CUSTOMS USE</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		

**Paperwork Reduction Act Notice:** The information collected on this form is needed to carry out the Customs, Agriculture, and Currency laws of the United States. We need it to insure that travelers are complying with these laws and to allow us to figure and collect the right amount of duty and taxes. Your response is mandatory. The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 3 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Information Services Group, Washington, D.C. 20229. **DO NOT** send completed form(s) to this office.