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GUIDE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED PERMANENT RESIDENCY OR REFUGEE, FORCIBLY DISPLACED STATUS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

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The purpose of this guide is to provide information about privileges available for individuals who received permanent residency or refugee, forcibly displaced status in the Republic of Armenia

TO BE AWARE UPON MOVING TO THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR PERMANENT RECIDENCY

Attention

You can find more detailed information on the regulations governing the transportation of goods by individuals across the border of the Republic of Armenia by visiting the official website of the State Revenue Committee of the Republic of Armenia: **https://src.am/am/getMenusContents/266**:

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1. What privileges of exemption from customs duties are granted to foreign individuals who received permanent residency or refugee, forcibly displaced status (hereinafter referred to as "relevant status") in the Republic of Armenia according to the legislation of the Republic of Armenia?

Foreign individuals with relevant status can import used goods for their personal use into the Republic of Armenia with exemption from payment of customs duties and taxes, not exceeding the quantities set by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

2. What simultaneous conditions of fulfillment must be provided by foreign individuals who have received the relevant status for importing goods for personal use with the exemption from payment of customs duties and taxes (here in after privilege)?

Privilege is available in case of simultaneous fulfillment of the following conditions:

- the import of goods, including vehicles, from the country of previous residence into the territory of the Republic of Armenia is carried out no later than within 18 months from the date of issuance of the document confirming the fact of obtaining the corresponding status of the foreign individual.
- goods for personal use were obtained before the date of issuance of the document confirming the relevant status to a foreign individual, moreover vehicles and motorcycles for personal use, as well as trailers for vehicles and motorcycles were registered and legally owned by the individual wishing to use the privilege (or were obtained with a credit or leasing agreement and were in possession), in the country of the former residence of that person for at least six months prior to the date of issuance of the document confirming the relevant status. The specified vehicles purchased on the basis of a loan or leasing agreement should be in the ownership of the specified person upon release for free circulation customs procedures.
- in connection with obtaining the relevant status, goods for personal use with exemption from payment of customs duties and taxes were not previously imported by that individual into the territory of the Republic of Armenia,
- the goods for personal use of a foreign individual who has received the relevant status do not exceed the set dimensions defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.











3. For what kind of personal use goods belong to individual with the relevant status are granted privilege?

The privilege is granted only to used products and the goods which do not exceed the following set dimensions defined by the Government of the Republic of Armenia.

- household and personal use appliances – 3 units of each type (for example refrigerator, TV),
- used furniture - one set of each type (for example bedroom furniture, living room furniture),
- personal items and other used household goods without quantity restrictions (for example cloths, dishes),
- vehicles for personal use (for example car, motorcycle and their attachments no more than 1 unit of each type).

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Vehicles considered as means of transport for personal use are defined by the Decision No. 74 of the EEC Board of 30.06.2017

4. Which state authorized body provides a foreign individual with a document on the recognition of a person who has moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence, or refugee status?

The Migration and Citizenship Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia provides a document regarding the recognition of a foreign individual as a person who has moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence or refugee status.

5. The Migration and Citizenship Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Armenia provides a foreign individual with a document regarding the recognition of a person who has moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence with ensuring the following conditions of fulfillment:

The document on recognition of a foreign individual as a person who has moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence is provided if:

- a foreign person was absent from Armenia for at least 1280 days within the period of 2550 days prior to the date of applying for the document.
- a person who has citizenship of the Republic of Armenia, or a special or permanent (long-term) residence status of the Republic of Armenia, or in the case defined by an international agreement, a status equivalent to them.

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The document confirming the recognition of the fact of permanent residence to the same person only once, except in cases where the given person, having previously received the document confirming the recognition of the fact of moving to the permanent residence in the Republic of Armenia, within 18 months of receiving it, never used the exemption from customs fees provided for foreign individuals arriving for permanent residence.

6. How to enjoy the privileges?

After receiving the document recognizing a person moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence, it is necessary to apply to the customs authorities in order to formalize the goods imported to the Republic of Armenia with privileges of customs duties.

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7. What are the requirements established by the legislation related to the application and documents submitted for the purpose of declaring the goods with privilege?

The application is submitted in free style, but it must contain information on the name, weight and quantity of goods for personal use imported into the Republic of Armenia.

The following documents must be attached to the application:

1) citizenship of the Republic of Armenia, or special or permanent (long-term) residence status of the Republic of Armenia, or a document confirming equivalent status under an international agreement, except for foreign individuals who have been forcibly displaced or refugees,

2) a document issued by an authorized body of the Government of the Republic of Armenia recognizing a foreign individual as a person moved to the Republic of Armenia for permanent residence or confirming the status of a refugee, forcibly displaced person,

3) the document certifying the fact of an individual's residence in a foreign country before arriving in the Republic of Armenia,

4) the documents required when declaring goods for personal use,

5) in case of import of a vehicle for personal use, the documents confirming the fact of registration and ownership of vehicles and motorcycles, trailers of vehicles and motorcycles, provided by the authorized body of a foreign state, in the name of the individual wishing to enjoy the privilege.

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In the case of the submission of documents in a foreign language, at the request of the customs authority, the applicant is also obliged to submit their translations into Armenian in accordance with the procedure established by law.



8. Where can goods be stored for the personal use of a foreign individual intending to obtain the relevant status, if the process of obtaining documents confirming the relevant status takes a long time?

Temporary storage of goods for personal use of a foreign natural person intending to obtain a relevant status may be carried out at the place of permanent or temporary residence (location) of that person or in other places represented by these persons, provided that the possibility of customs control by customs authorities must be ensured.



9. What should a foreign individual do intending to obtain the relevant status in order to transfer his personal use goods for permanent or temporary residence (arrival) or to other places specified by these persons for temporary storage?

A foreign individual intending to obtain the relevant status for the transfer of personal use goods for permanent or temporary residence or temporary storage to specified persons in other places must submit a free style application to the customs authority, on which must be stated the information mentioned below, and attach the documents confirming them.

- Information about the individual (last name, first name and patronymic (if available), valid conditions for identity documents, address of permanent or temporary residence (arrival), where it is assumed that temporary storage of goods will be carried out).
- Information about the items (name, quantity, weight in kilograms and (or) other units of measurement, value (in AMD, Euro or US dollars)).
- Information about the vehicle and motorcycle and (or) the trailer of the vehicle and motorcycle (registration number, or information on deregistration, type, brand, year of issue, bumper or identification number, bumper number, engine volume, engine power, corpus number (if such information is available), cost (in AMD, Euro or US dollar)).

10. What period can the temporary storage of goods by an individual intending to obtain a relevant status be carried out in the permanent or temporary residence (arrival) of that person or in other places represented by the mentioned persons?

Temporary storage may be carried out for the following periods:

- Until the expiration of the period of 2 months from the day following the date of registration of the application by the customs authorities, if the individual has not notified the customs authorities about the implementation of the actions aimed at obtaining the document confirming that the person has received the relevant status,
- until the expiration of the period of 5 working days from the day following the date of receiving the document confirming the relevant status of the individual,
- until the expiration of the period of 10 working days from the day following the day of refusal to issue a document confirming the relevant status to an individual.

Attention:

The use of vehicles and motorcycles and (or) trailers of vehicles and motorcycles under temporary storage, which are considered means of transport for personal use, is allowed with the written permission of the customs authority on the condition of ensuring the fulfillment of the obligation to pay customs duties and taxes.



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