

INDIA

1. Passengers. See the DOD Foreign Clearance Guide available at <https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/fcg.cfm>. From the left column select Pacific, South Asia, and Indian Ocean and then India.
2. Cargo:
 - a. Government. Depending on whether the cargo is for use in the Embassy or for a combined exercise, it is handled differently. For cargo going to the Embassy, import permission for goods is required from the Ministry of External Affairs. The Ministry of External Affairs requires complete details of the contents of the shipment, along with their approximate value and use. For cargo meant for a combined defense exercise, import permissions are required from the Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Finance, or Ministry of External Affairs.
 - b. For incoming cargo consigned to the Embassy, the Embassy recommends at least ten days advance notice. This enables the Embassy to obtain the necessary prior approval from the Government of India before the shipment reaches Indian ports. For cargo shipped overland, the duty exemption certificate must be obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs detailing the content of the shipment. The US Embassy shipping expediter goes to the border to complete the customs clearance formalities. The US Embassy does not have direct control over cargo booked on a door-to-door basis. The Embassy provides the duty exemption certificate for the shipment to the destination agent.
3. Personal Property. Personnel assigned to the US Embassy require duty free permission from the Ministry of External Affairs for the importation of HHG and UB. POVs must meet pollution emission standards as mandated by the Government of India. The member/employee must have a EURO II certificate from the manufacturer or a certificate from the US EPA authorities.
4. Firearms/Weapons. Importation of firearms/weapons into India is prohibited without special permission from the Government of India. Weapons are subject to physical verification by the customs authority at the time of their import.
5. Pets. Member/employee must obtain an import sanitary permit from the Ministry of Agriculture or an import license from the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce. The member/employee will have a valid health certificate with them at the time of importing the animal. The Department of State recommends the member/employee hire a private pet expediter, because the General Services Office does not handle pets. Local pet expediters can be referred to a member/employee upon request.
6. Modes of Shipment
 - a. Military Air. There currently are no provisions in place for the US to import cargo via military vessels/aircraft into India. If military cargo is consigned to the US Embassy, then it is treated as any other cargo. If military cargo is consigned to the India Ministry of Defense, it is the responsibility of the Government of India to make the necessary arrangements for its customs clearance.
 - b. Commercial Air. As stated above (Cargo), shipments coming in under a commercial contracted carrier must be consigned to the US Embassy, New Delhi. The General Services Office receives the Airway Bill and packing list or invoice, prepares the exemption certificate and sends it to the Ministry of External Affairs for duty-free import.
 - c. Ocean Vessel Shipments. Shipments coming in under a commercial contracted carrier must be consigned to the US Embassy, New Delhi, India. As soon as the General Services Office

receives the BL and the packing list or invoice, the office prepares the exemption certificate and sends it to the Ministry of External Affairs for duty-free import.

7. Personal Property. See the PPCIG at <https://tops.ppcigweb.sddc.army.mil/ppcig/menu/home/warning.do>. Select Query CG tab, select County Instructions tab, at the Country drop down box under Custom Selection, select India, submit. Click on the detail icon on the upper right hand side to review shipping requirements.