



fact sheet singapore



Allied Pickfords local offices

Singapore

Local to your new home

Allied Pickfords are part of the worldwide Allied Network, who have long-established Allied Pickfords offices in Singapore. We offer assistance with documentation and clearances and once Customs are finalised, we will contact you to arrange delivery to your new home.

How long does it take?

Allied Pickfords load more containers to Singapore than any other Australian International Movers Association (AIMA) member and this ensures we can also offer more frequent departures.

Indicative transit times are as follows:

	Groupage	Full Container
Singapore	8-10 weeks	5-6 weeks

Singapore is rightly proud of its unique and diverse environment and seeks to protect this heritage for future generations. As part of this process items being imported to Singapore are considered from several angles – Security/Safety, Customs Tax/Duty Revenues and Environmental Protection.

Customs Regulations

Used personal and household effects are duty free, provided they have been owned and used for at least three months, and the owner is transferring residence to Singapore and subject to an Employment Pass or work permit.

Documents required

- Copy of passport with high-quality, legible scan of biography pages
- Employment pass application/acknowledgement letter or approval in principle from the Ministry of Manpower
- Singapore nationals will need proof of employment overseas (longer than six months) and undertake not to dispose of effects within three months of arrival
- Descriptive inventory of goods in English

Environmental Protection

In line with all countries around the world, importation to Singapore of foodstuffs or plant materials in a household effects shipment is not recommended. Items may be refused entry or may require a permit and any special examinations may cause delays and add inspection costs.

Motor vehicles

Right-hand drive vehicles under three years old are allowed to be Imported, though the owner will have to secure a Certificate of Entitlement in an open market bid. The customs duties (20% of valuation) and registration fees (300% of car market value plus shipping cost) on a vehicle make it impractical to import. It is not recommended to import a vehicle to Singapore in a household effects shipment.





Pets

Pets are permitted entry to Singapore but will be subject to:

- Health check no more than 48 hours prior to export
- Pet must be resident in Australia since birth or since being directly imported from Singapore
- Import Permit
- DEFRA Export Health Certificate
- Vaccinations no less than 14 days and no more than 12 months prior (Canine distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus)
- Treatment with licensed products effective against external parasites between 2 and 10 days prior to export
- Treatment with licensed products effective against internal parasites within the four days prior to export
- Pet no less than 12 weeks

The logistics are detailed and for this reason we would recommend asking Allied Pickfords to refer you to an approved specialist in this area.

Electrical items

Electrical items should generally work on the Singaporean system, though it is always worth checking with the manufacturer if you have any concerns.

http://wikitravel.org/en/Electrical_systems

Televisions

Most modern televisions will work in Singapore. However with the advent of digital receivers it is inevitable that your television will need to be connected to the equivalent of an Australian Digital Satellite/Cable receiver in Singapore. It is worth checking with the manufacturer if you have any concerns.

Questions on customs?

E-mail our experts at customs@alliedpickfords.com.au

Prohibited items
Drugs of dependence, narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates and tranquillizers
Chewing gum
Pornography and obscene articles - videos, tapes, discs and software are subject to screening by Singapore authorities
Singapore is a signatory to the CITES agreement that controls trade and movement of endangered species

Restricted items or items likely to attract interest
Alcohol and tobacco will attract tax and duties at a high level. It is generally better to avoid inclusion, full lists of types/size/proof/volume etc required if included and will require relevant customs permit applied for by the TradeNet system
Videos, tapes, discs and software are subject to screening by Singapore authorities
Canned or dried foods only and up to a maximum of 5kg.

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