

1.3 Azerbaijan Customs Information

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Azerbaijan Customs Information

Since 1929 year Customs activity was regulate with the relevant decree of the Central Executive Committee and the Council of People's Commissars dated December 19, 1928.

In the beginning of 1946 year Baku Customs structure was expanded. The new structure was consisting from the following divisions:

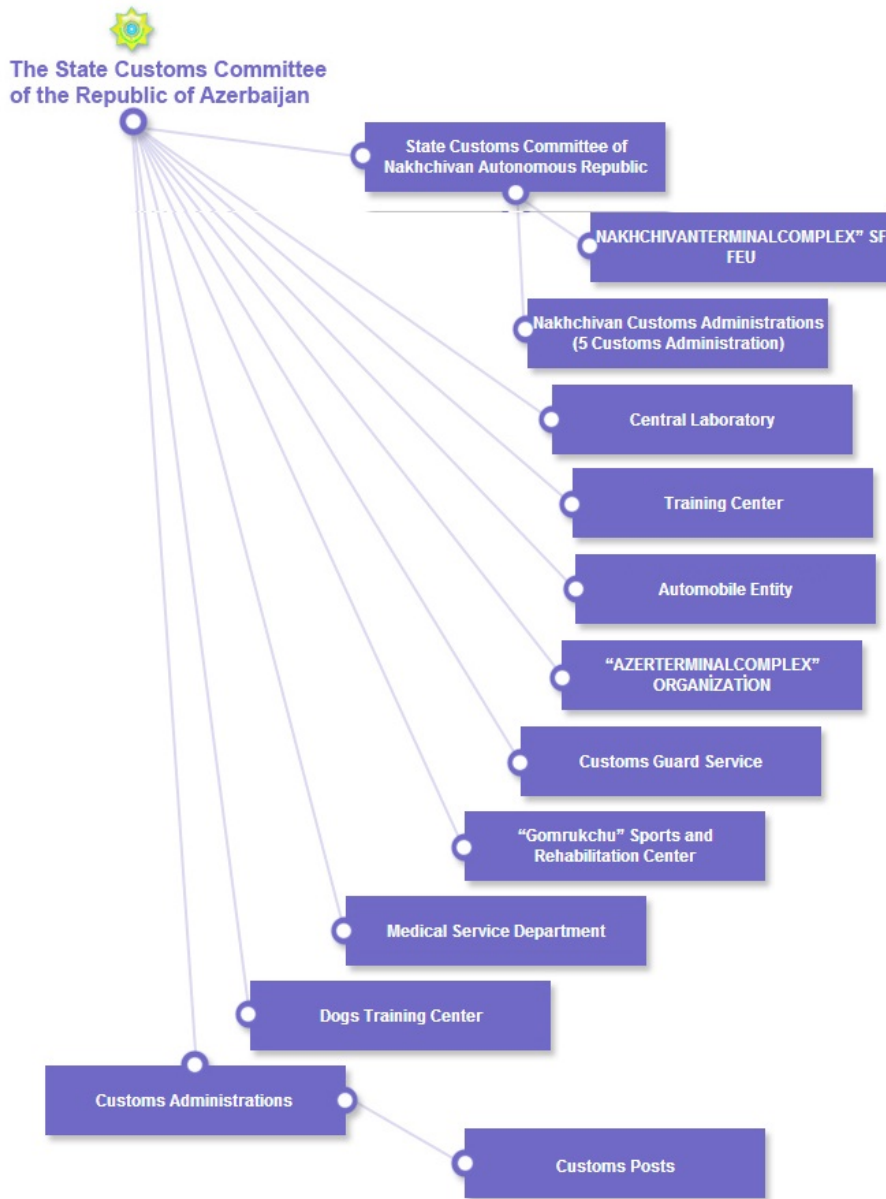
- General department;
- Accounting;
- Judicial-Confiscation Department;
- Department of the cargo;
- Department of Post-passenger;
- Marine Department

In 1955 year, the ship and cargo divisions turn into a single ship-cargo department and the Judicial-Confiscation department with the loosing of some of the repressive functions turn into fight against smuggling department.

In 1956-1988 at the Baku customs structure regularly have been carried out various changes.

In January 27, 1989, with the command of No. 17 of the State Customs Control Department under the USSR Soviet of Ministers on the basis of the Baku Customs was created Republic of Azerbaijan Customs Republic with the subsequent subordination of other customs in Republic (Julfa and Astara).

After the restoration of the independence of the Republic of Azerbaijan by presidential decree in January 1992, the State Customs Committee of Azerbaijan Republic was established.



Duties and Tax Exemption

For contact information regarding government custom authorities, please follow the link below:

4.1 Azerbaijan Government Contact List

Emergency Response:

[Note: This section contains information which is related and applicable to 'crisis' times. These instruments can be applied when an emergency is officially declared by the Government. When this occurs, there is usually a streamlined process to import goods duty and tax free.]

In the following table, state which of the following agreements and conventions apply to the country and if there are any other existing ones

Agreements / Conventions Description	Ratified by Country? (Yes / No)
WCO (World Customs Organization) member	Yes - 17 Jun 1992
Annex J-5 Revised Kyoto Convention	Yes - 03 Feb 2006

OCHA Model Agreement	n/a
Tampere Convention (on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations)	n/a
Regional Agreements (on emergency/disaster response, but also customs unions, regional integration)	Azerbaijan is an observer government of the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Exemption Regular Regime (Non-Emergency Response):

[Note: This section should contain information on the usual duties & taxes exemption regime during non-emergency times, when there is no declared state of emergency and no streamlines process (e.g. regular importations/development/etc..)]

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons, pornography, drugs, political literature

General Restrictions:

- Commercial equipment, mobile phones, and satellites only permitted with authorization by the Ministry of Communication. Medicines and medical equipment only permitted with authorization by the Ministry of Health. Food, foodstuffs, animals, and seeds only permitted after an hygienic inspection.

Items may be imported exempt from import duties :

There are certain items , identified below which may be imported into the Azerbaijan republic exempt from import duties :

- Assets imported by a foreign investor as a contribution to the charter capital of an azerbaijan legal entity
- Property of foreign employees of locally registered companies , which are imported for personal use
- Goods imported for use as grants and loans under inter-governmental agreements
- Goods imported by physical persons for gratuitous distribution (humanitarian aid)
- Goods imported under special regimes

For information on Azerbaijan Customs Exemption Regime additiona details, please see the following document:

[Azerbaijan Customs Requirements For Household And Personal Effects](#)

Exemption Certificate Document Requirements

	Food	Shelter,Wash and education	Medicines	Vehicles and Spare parts	Staff and office supplies	Telecoms equipment
Invoice	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language	Combined commercial invoice must be translated in to the Russian language
AWB, BoL, or Other Transport Documents	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB	Depending on the mode of transport used, it is needed a copy of TIR and CMR, Bill of Lading or MAWB
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Packing List	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language	packing list forms must be translated in to the Russian language
Other Documents	Certification of origin	Certification of origin	Certification of origin + approval from the Ministry of Health	Certification of origin + approval letter from The Ministry Of Transport	Certification of origin + fumigation certification if required for wooden goods	Certification Of Origin + Approval from The Ministry Of Internal Affairs &The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology

Customs Clearance

General Information

Customs inward manifest completed upon entry to Azerbaijan should be kept and presented at departure

No special authorization is needed for bringing in a video camera for personal use, save that us it is necessary to note it in the manifest

With a view of protecting of national and public safety, social morality, human life and health, animals and plants, environment, historic, archaeological, and artistic values of Azerbaijan and other nations, ownership rights, intellectual property rights, and in certain other cases prescribed by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan or international treaties to which it is the party import and export of certain items may be prohibited

Carriage of personal belongings is not subject to any duties: up to 125 grams of caviar, three blocks of cigarettes, three liters of alcoholic beverages and medicines as required.

The export of any antique items (including gems, coins and other works of art) without the permission of relevant bodies is prohibited.

For information on Azerbaijan Customs Clearance additional details, please see the following document:

[Azerbaijan Customs Clearance Additional Information](#)

Customs Information	
Document Requirements	Vat Number of the importer/ Exporter + Commercial Invoice in Russian + Packing list in Russian + BL + Certification of Origin
Embargoes	n/a
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