

# AW NEWSLETTER

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## US Customs and Border Patrol (CBP)

When sending a shipment for used household goods and personal effects into the United States, several documents are needed.

Besides the Customs Form 3299, Supplemental Declaration Form and the Power of Attorney, every customer entering is required to present a passport and visa/work permit or a copy of his/her Green Card.

The requirements to submit the picture page of the customer's passport have been long standing. In recent months though several US ports of entry have changed their requirements for paperwork needing to be submitted for personal effects and household goods clearances.

All US ports of entry further require a 3299, Power of Attorney, Supplemental Declaration, packing list, Bill of Lading / Express Cargo Bill, Passport and Visa copy of the customer entering the country.

All West Coast ports (Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco / Oakland, Los Angeles / Long Beach) along with Miami, Florida now require passport and visa copies of all members entering the U.S. and that are listed as dependents on the 3299 Customs form.



Even though some countries do not issue passports to infants and small children, these are listed on the passport of one family member entering the country.

Please note that these documents need to be legible and on hand once the shipment arrives in the US port. Fax copies (due to their poor legibility) are no longer accepted. Scanned documents are the fastest and easiest source to forward passport and visa copies. This enables us to clear the goods in a short matter of time.

Please check with us if you have any questions or are not sure where the first port of entry on a through bill of lading is

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We would like to thank our customers for entrusting their relocations to AW Transportation. We hope you will find this Newsletter helpful

This Newsletter is published in irregular intervals to keep you informed of changes as they incur and also try to update you on current issues.

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## VACIS Examination



An ongoing topic in our newsletter are the VACIS examinations. Over the past 12 months we have experienced that 99% of household goods

shipments were examined and thus incurred extra charges.

These charges range from \$ 150 per container in Baltimore, Houston and Oakland to \$ 325 in New York. LCL shipments incur partial charges, based on the size and weight of the individual shipment.

Additional charges such as VACIS release and messenger fees range

from \$ 25.00 to \$ 65.00 per VACIS exam and shipment and are added to the VACIS exam fees.

Please ensure your customers are aware of these charges which can either be prepaid at origin or need to be collected in the U.S.

Should these charges need to be collected here, and administration fee will be added

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**U.S. holidays and port closures will be noted as such**

**April 6th — Good Friday**  
**April 9th—Easter Monday**

**May 28th—Memorial Day**

**Ports, Customs and Government offices will be closed**

### Quality of Living



Mercer Human Resource Consulting has released its 2007 Quality of Living survey.

The Top 10 cities are

1. Zurich—Switzerland / 2. Geneva—Switzerland
3. Vancouver—Canada / 4. Vienna—Austria
5. Auckland-New Zealand / 6. Dusseldorf-Germany
7. Frankfurt—Germany / 8. Munich—Germany
9. Bern—Switzerland / 10. Sydney—Australia

### Health & Sanitation

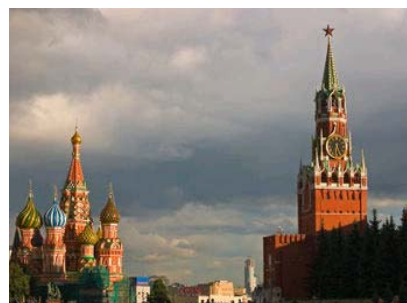


Mercer also published its Top cities for Health & Sanitation

The Top 10 cities are

1. Calgary—Canada / 2. Honolulu—USA
3. Helsinki—Finland / Ottawa—Canada
5. Minneapolis—USA / 6. Oslo—Norway
7. Stockholm-Sweden / 8. Zurich-Switzerland
9. Katsuyama-Japan / 10. Bern-Switzerland

### Cost of Living



Mercer's Top cost of Living cities are:

1. Moscow-Russia / 2. Seoul-South Korea
3. Tokyo—Japan / 4. Hong Kong—SAR
5. London—England / 6. Osaka—Japan
7. Geneva-Switzerland / 8. Copenhagen-Denmark
9. Zurich-Switzerland / 10. Oslo-Norway

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