DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

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DECLARATION OF UNACCOMPANIED ARTICLES

19 CFR 145.12, 145.43, 148.110, 148.113-148.116

The arriving traveler or head of a family must complete a **SEPARATE** Customs Form 255 for **EACH** unaccompanied package or container sent from American Samoa, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. **PLEASE PRINT** the information in blocks 1 - 8 and **SIGN block 9.**

1. FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	2. NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS INCLUDED IN FAMILY DECLARATION

3. PERMANENT ADDRESS	4. DATE OF ARRIVAL	5. VESSEL, OR AIRLINE & FLIGHT NO.
	6. PORT OF ARRIVAL	

7. DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLE(S) IN PACKAGE	8. PRICE	10. CUSTOMS USE ONLY (After arrival of traveler)

9. I declare that the above articles were acquired in American Samoa, Guam or the U.S. Virgin Islands by me or those members of my family included in my declaration. I further declare that the above information is valid and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I will pay any customs duties and internal revenue taxes which are found to be due upon arrival of the articles.

SIGNATURE

X

11. CUSTOMS OFFICER SIGNATURE DATE

WARNING
FALSE CLAIMS ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW

IMPORTANT

IMPORTER: To receive your entitled exemptions and appropriate rates of duty, you must SEND THE YELLOW COPY OF CUSTOMS FORM 255 TO THE VENDOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER CUSTOMS VALIDATION (Blocks 10 and 11).

VENDOR:
1. Enclose this form in an envelope marked "U.S. Customs Form 255 enclosed" and securely attach it to the outside of the package or container.
2. Mark the package or container "UNACCOMPANIED TOURIST SHIPMENT."

CUSTOMS USE ONLY (After arrival of article)

12. ARRIVAL DATE	13. MAIL OR INFORMAL ENTRY NO.
14. RELEASE DATE	15. CUSTOMS OFFICER

16. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN CF 255 AND SHIPMENT

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 says we must tell you why we are collecting this information, how we will use it, and whether you have to give it to us. We ask for this information to carry out the Customs Service Laws of the United States. This form is used by travelers to the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa to allow personal duty exemptions and/or a flat 5% rate of duty to be granted to tourist purchases that are mailed to the U.S. from these insular possessions. Your response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Statement Required by 5 CFR 1320.21: The estimated average burden associated with this collection of information is 5 minutes per respondent or recordkeeper depending on individual circumstances. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to U.S. Customs Service, Paperwork Management Branch, Washington DC 20229, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1515-0087), Washington DC 20503.

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