



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Pro-forma Invoice
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Visa
- Letter of Employment (on Embassy letterhead)
- Photographs for all cultural items (2 copies of each photograph)
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- Household goods and personal effects are subject to the payment of Customs duties and value added tax (VAT).
- Import duties are charged and based on the costs, insurance and freight of the shipment.

Note: It is recommended that documents showing the true value of the goods do not be sent with the shipment to avoid the payment of heavy Customs duties.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Technical Passport / Title
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Visa
- OBL / AWB
- Vehicle Registration
- Copy of Diplomatic card (Diplomats)
- Employment confirmation (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- Only Diplomats can import vehicles without deposits on a duty free basis.
- Vehicles can be imported for a maximum of 2 years duty and tax free on a temporary basis; temporary import is subject to a refundable deposit; the exact amount of the deposit will be determined by Customs authorities only after inspection and depending on the condition and model of the vehicle (foreigners).
- The permanent import of vehicles is subject to the payment of Customs duties per Customs tariff (foreigners).
- Right-hand drive cars and cars with tinted glass cannot be imported.

PETS

Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate

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Pet Passport

Specific Information

- Cats, dogs, and most species of birds must be accompanied by the Veterinary Health Certificate, issued with 10 days of arrival.
- Pigeons cannot be imported.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Precious jewelry, stones and currency can be imported only as accompanied baggage and must be declared with Customs authorities at the time of arrival.
- Wine and spirits (limit of 3 L per shipment based on personal consumption). Tax and duties are based upon the percentage of alcohol:
 - o From 1 euro per liter up to 2 euro per liter Customs duty
 - o 25% of CIF value
 - 18% of VAT of CIF value
 - o 0.5% of CIF value
 - o Customs fee

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- · Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- · Toxic and radioactive materials
- Wildlife objects
- Food items

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/aj

http://www.azembassy.us