



Importing Personal Property Into *Cyprus*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- The goods are in reasonable quantities and for the personal use of the shipper and his family, and not for resale.
- Shipper has resided in Cyprus during the last 2 years from the time of importation.
- Goods were owned and used for at least one year outside of Cyprus prior to importation.
- Shipper has resided abroad for more than one year.
- Goods are imported within one year of the shipper's arrival in Cyprus.

Notes:

- The shipper must be present in Cyprus during Customs clearance to sign the declaration in presence of a customs authority.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Airway Bill or Ocean Bill of Lading
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Container manifest
- ✓ Shipper's passport
- ✓ Evidence that shipper will stay in Cyprus for over one year. This can be in the form of a rental agreement and/or contract lease and Residence Permit.
- ✓ Invoice on new items.
- ✓ For **offshore company expatriates:**
 - ✓ Exemption Certificate C6 Form, for new items.

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:

- Duty free importation without examination.
- No Temporary Refugees' Levy (TRL) payable.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS:

- ✓ Airway Bill or Ocean Bill of Lading
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Exemption Certificate from Government of Cyprus.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- New items will incur duty.
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tobacco
- Foodstuff
- Electric and electronic items
- Perfume
- Carpets
- Sports Equipment
- Plants require a Phytosanitary Certificate.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Weapons and ammunition
- Narcotics
- Wireless telephones and walkie-talkies
- Pornographic material

IMPORTING PETS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND FIREARMS

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Pets may be imported, provided they are accompanied by all of the required documents.
- Pets will be subject to 6 months of quarantine at the shipper's residence in Cyprus.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Rabies Vaccination and Health Certificate
- ✓ Import License from local Department of Veterinary Services.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- For **Returning Cypriots**:
 - One automobile per family may be imported duty-free.
 - Shipper must have had their permanent residence abroad for at least 10 years.
- **Foreigners** must plan on taking up permanent residence to import automobiles.
- Automobiles may be imported temporarily, duty-free, if the shipper has lived abroad for more than one year during the past 2 years.
- Motorcycles will incur duties.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES:

- ✓ Vehicle Registration
- ✓ Invoice
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Local Road Insurance

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND WEAPONS:

- Hunting shotguns and air rifles can be imported if shipper obtained a Police Permit and Import License.
- One shotgun and one airgun allowed.
- The firearms must be at least one year old.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Police Permit
- ✓ Import License

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- Household Goods Forwarders Association of America, Inc., "Commercial Shipper's Guide," 1998.

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