



Importing Personal Property Into Greece

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- If the shipper is staying in Greece for at least one year, then the items may be temporarily imported if a guarantee is posted with Customs. Also, the goods must be exported at the end of the 1 year period or duties must be paid to Customs.
- Greeks repatriating, foreigners married to Greeks, Greek Military, foreign EEC members must have resided abroad for at least 2 years.
- Foreign EEC members must apply to authorities for a 5 year Residence Permit and deposit to Customs an amount equivalent to duties. When the permit is obtained, then the deposit will be reimbursed.

Notes:

- The shipper must present at the time of Customs clearance and have his or her passport for display to the Customs authorities.
- Extensions of duty-free status are solely at the discretion of Customs.
- Value Added Tax or VAT will be assessed on shipments owned by foreigners entering Greece on a Work Permit from a non-EEC country.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Valid passport for shipper and spouse and previous passport if the current one is less than 2 years old.
- ✓ Law 1599 Form (Ipefthini di Iosi) stating you will keep the good in your possession for at least 1 year.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (CONTINUED):

- ✓ Returning residents require a "Certificate of Repatriation" from the nearest Greek Consulate with detailed attached list of household goods.
- ✓ Foreigners coming to work in Greece require a "Certificate of Secondary Residence" from the nearest Consulate with list of household goods.
- ✓ Complete, detailed and consularized inventory; consularized by the Greek Consulate in country of origin and translated at destination. When inventorying electrical appliances include the model and serial number. If woven materials such as rugs and carpets are included in the shipment, detail the quality, quantity, square feet and color on the inventory.
- ✓ Current visa
- ✓ Original bill of lading
- ✓ Letter authorizing the Destination Agent to clear the shipment through Customs.
- ✓ Personal or bank guarantee for amount of duties.
- ✓ Housing contract

DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS

- ✓ Exempted from taxation on both household goods and car on an embassy franchise basis.
- ✓ Electrical appliances are limited to one per kind.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- Office equipment including facsimile machines, photocopiers and telephone systems will incur duties.

RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND ART

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- Only one of each type of electrical appliance is permitted. New appliances are permitted if purchased before the "Certificate of Repatriation" is issued.
- Animal hides, skins and animal products require a certificate verifying that place of origin is free from trichina.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drugs, narcotics and medicines
- Firearms and weapons are prohibited unless a license to carry arms is issued by the Greek authorities.
- Tobacco, snuff, swords, liquor and wine require authorization from Customs.
- Matches
- Playing cards

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Automobiles may be imported duty-free for 4 months for shippers planning a maximum stay of 2 years. Extensions past 4 months are granted at 8 months and 1 year.
- The vehicle must have been in the shipper's possession for at least 6 months.
- Vehicles imported duty-free cannot be disposed of for a minimum of 3 years or will be subject to full duties and taxes.
- Vehicles with diesel engines are restricted.
- Duty is based on vehicle's make, model and length of ownership by the shipper.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES:

- ✓ Consular certificate from origin
- ✓ International Driver's License
- ✓ Proof of ownership
- ✓ Registration certificate
- ✓ The vehicle must be included on the household goods inventory and should detail the quality, quantity, square feet and color of any woven floor covering in the automobile.

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Cats and dogs may be imported with proper documentation.
- Importation of birds of any type is not advised.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Rabies Certificate issued a minimum of 2 weeks prior to and a maximum of 1 year after importation.
- ✓ Health Certificate issued within 72 hours of embarkation time.

IMPORTATION OF WORKS OF ART OR ANTIQUES:

- Antiquities and works of art may be imported duty-free, but values should be declared to Customs.

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.