



Importing Personal Property Into Spain

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The property has been in the possession and use of the shipper for at least 6 months (3 months for shippers from European Community countries).
- Property cannot be sold or transferred within one year of importation.
- Used household goods shipment must be imported no later than 12 months after the shipper has arrived.
- Returning nationals must have lived abroad for at least 1 year for duty-free entry.
- Foreign citizens must request a Special Visa from the Spanish Consulate in order to obtain the Residence Permit and Work Permit cards needed for customs clearance of items.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original passport of the shipper showing last entry stamped, or photocopy of same legalised by a Public Notary
- ✓ Detailed inventory in Spanish, valued, dated and signed, indicating make, model and serial number of major electrical appliances
- ✓ It is recommended to hand-carry the purchase invoices for appliances.
- ✓ Spanish Identification Card (D.N.I.)
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Letter from employer stating employee will be working in Spain
- ✓ Registration Certificate in the Town hall of Spanish residency
- ✓ Work permit verifying employment eligibility in Spain (this process currently takes approximately 45-60 days to be completed)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS (CONTINUED):

- ✓ Fiscal identification number (N.I.E.).
- ✓ Application forms for duty-free importation signed by the shipper.
- ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill. Under marks, show name of shipper (consignee) and final destination point in Spain.
- ✓ **Spanish Nationals:**
Must have all documents listed above including the following:
 - ✓ Original of De-registration certificate from the Spanish Consulate at origin. The stay abroad must have been for at least one year.
- ✓ **Foreign Citizens:**
Must include all documents listed above including the following:
 - ✓ Consular Document certifying registration in Spain.
 - ✓ Local City or consular Certificate of Departure obtained at Townhall, Police or similar legal authority at origin.
 - ✓ Residence Card / Work Permit, issued by the Spanish Authorities. If the shipper can not provide an application for such Residence Card, a bond (Bank Guarantee or Cash Bond) may be posted. The bond can be recovered upon presentation of the original Residence Card, if received within a year of the importation.

Note: If moving to the Canary Islands or any of the other islands, additional documents may be required.

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

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS:

- New items, less than 6 months old.
- Tobacco products
- Foodstuff, antiques, art objects and ammunition require a Special Permit.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Narcotics
- Firearms, automatic weapons, ammunition and explosives.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Duty-free importation is granted for 6 months, if the shipper takes up residence in Spain and meets all other conditions.
- Shipper must have resided abroad for at least 12 months.
- The shipper must have used the vehicle for at least 6 months.
- If modifications to the original design have been carried out on the vehicle, then importation is prohibited.
- The shipper must obtain a Spanish Vehicle Registration.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Purchase invoice / Tax receipt.
- ✓ Registration Title / Circulation permit.
- ✓ Spanish Identification Card (D.N.I.) or Residence Permit Card.
- ✓ Original Certificate of De-registration issued by the shipper's corresponding Consulate.
- ✓ **Spanish/E.U. Nationals:**
 - ✓ Certificate of Departure obtained at Town Hall, Police or similar legal authority at origin.
 - ✓ Original Registration Certificate from the Town Hall of Spanish residency.
 - ✓ Application forms for duty-free importation signed by the shipper.

- ✓ Engine seals and marks as well as chassis seals and marks must be taken physically from the car.

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Dogs and cats are permitted importation with no routine quarantine, but at the discretion of Customs, an animal may be kept for 40 days in quarantine.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Vaccination and Health Certificate from veterinarian, consularized at origin, stating the animal has no contagious diseases.

IMPORTATION OF WORKS OF ART OR ANTIQUES:

- Antiques and works of art may enter duty-free provided they form part of a household goods shipment, have been in the possession of the shipper for at least 6 months and are proportional for the social status of the shipper.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Special Permit

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS

- Rifles and shotguns for hunting purposes are permitted if the shipper obtains a Weapons License from Spanish authorities prior to importation. The process of obtaining such a license is generally a lengthy one.

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FIREARMS - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Weapons License from Spanish authorities (Dirección General de la Guardia Civil).

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