

SPAIN

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Household goods

Documents Required

- For Spanish Citizens:
 - Passport copy.
 - Fiscal Identification number (N.I.F.).
 - Certificate of change of residence, issued by the Spanish Consulate at origin stating that the shipper has been living/ in the country for more than one year.
 - Registration certificate at the Town Hall in Spain (upon arrival).
 - Valued Inventory List in Spanish, valued and signed by the customer.
 - Set of forms duly signed.
 - Bill of Lading or Air waybill.
- For Foreign citizens: 1. Non-Members of EU:
 - Passport copy.
 - Consulate residence certificate OR Company certificate stating that the shipper has been living/working at origin at least during the last 12 months, together with the last 2 years taxes receipts paid at the origin country.
 - NIE number:
 - Must be registered as an active Tax Payer regardless if the shipper is an European or Non-European citizen (Modelo 030 form).
 - Set of forms duly signed.
 - Valued Inventory List in Spanish, valued and signed by the customer.
 - Registration with local Town Hall in Spain (upon arrival).
- Bill of Lading or Air waybill. 2. Members of EU:
 - Copy of Passport.
 - Consulate residence certificate or company certificate stating that the shipper has been living/working at origin at least during the last 12 months.
 - Certificado de Registro de Ciudadanos de la Union (European certificate) or NIE Number registrated at AEAT database (Spanish Treasure Department).
 - Set of forms duly signed.
 - Valued Inventory List in Spanish, valued and signed by the customer.
 - Registration with local Town Hall in Spain (upon arriving).
 - Bill of Lading or Air waybill.

Customs Prescriptions

- Spanish citizens must import their household goods within 12 months following the date of issuance of the Change of Residence Certificate.
- Foreign citizens must import their household goods within 12 months from the date of issuance of their first Spanish Residence permit.
- Household goods cannot be sold or transferred before one year after the importation.
- The stay abroad (out of the EU) must be at least for one year.

Remarks

- NIE number is obtained when applying for a work/residence permit. NIE number must be registered at AEAT database (Spanish treasure department).
- Electrical appliances, carpets, works of art and other items subject to special Customs requirements should be stowed conveniently at container door to facilitate their location if Customs inspection is ordered.
- The customs forms are provided by the local agent in Spain.
- All documents must be available by the time shipment arrives at Spanish port. If clearance procedures cannot be initiated, shipment will be declared abandoned one month after date of arrival and may be auctioned by customs.
- Unpredictable expenses such as, eventual transport of the shipment to a special customs area for inspection, un-stuffing or stuffing for such purpose, etc., are not included in the destination rates and are collected locally from the shipper.
- As from 1 January 2024, a tax on plastic used is due. The applicable tax is due on non-recycled plastic contained in the taxed products.

Diplomats' removals

Documents Required

- Diplomatic passport.
- Inventory list in Spanish, signed by owner.
- Diplomatic franchise.
- NIE number
- Set of forms duly signed

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry.
- Import of alcohol is prohibited for diplomats.

Remarks

- NIE number is obtained when applying for a work/residence permit. NIE number must be registered at AEAT database (Spanish treasure department).

Wedding trousseaux

Documents Required

- Documents as in Household goods above.
- Certificate of change of residence issued by local authorities at origin.
- Wedding certificate or Spanish Family Book certified by the Spanish Consulate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Only foreign citizens marrying Spanish citizens or foreigners living in Spain are allowed to import duty free new items, but within a reasonable quantity.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Valued list of the inherited household goods.
- Death certificate.
- Testament or certificate confirming the right to the inheritance.
- Certificates from the country of origin and the Spanish Ministry of Finance to confirm

payment and/or exemption of payment of taxation over inheritances both in the country of origin and in Spain.

Customs Prescriptions

- All documents must be verified and authenticated by the Spanish Consulate at origin. They must be translated if they are not in Spanish language. Translation must be approved by the Spanish Consulate and/or the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

New furniture

Documents Required

- Import licence, if invoice value is lower than 3,000 EUR.
- Invoice stamped by the Spanish Consulate at origin.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.

Works of art, Antiques

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry if they are part of household goods and proportional to the social status of the importer.
- They must be in the owner's possession during 6 months at least and they must not be sold.
- Duty free entry if articles are less 100 years old.

Remarks

- Works of art/antiques imported for sale in Spain are subject to different regulations.
- Works of art/antiques which are expected to be re-exported at a later date and which are not imported into Spain for sale, must be clearly classified upon entry to allow later exportation.
- Customs clearance of works of art/antiques can only be done in Madrid, Barcelona, and Valencia.

Collections, jewellery, metals

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry if they are part of the household goods and if they are proportional to the social status of the person

Used motor vehicles and motorcycles

Documents Required

- Car/motorcycle must be in shipper's possession for a minimum of six months.
- Photocopy of passport.
- Original of registration card.
- Car purchase invoice.

Customs Prescriptions

- The car/motorcycle definitive importation is summited, in case the vehicle has all the requirements the taxes and duties are exonerated, otherwise taxes are 32% on CIF value.

Firearms (hunting arms)

Documents Required

- Valid Spanish firearms permit.
- Valid Spanish Hunting licence.

Customs Prescriptions

- Firearms will be retained by Spanish Civil Guard on entry for inspection and registration. They will be returned to owner once permits are presented and inspection is passed.

Remarks

- Before the arrival of the arms, these permits must be obtained.
- Importation of firearms and the permits for them is restricted.
- It is suggested that they are not included with household goods, because unload and inspection will entail extra work, and clearance will be delayed. If shipper insists, place firearms close to the door and advice exact location.

Arms for personal use, explosives, ammunitions

Customs Prescriptions

- Importation prohibited.

Plants

Customs Prescriptions

- Forbidden.

Remarks

- Only household plants moved as personal effects from any EU country.

Food

Customs Prescriptions

- Forbidden.

Alcohol

Documents Required

- Set of forms completed and duly signed.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.