

ITALY

This guide is compiled from the FIDI Customs Guide for reference only. Customs regulations change frequently; please consult your Seapoe relocation consultant for the latest requirements before shipping.

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Normal used household goods

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport.
- Copy of shipper's "Codice fiscale" number – if shipper has an Italian VAT number, this should also be provided, even if it has already been "shut down".
- List of the items contained in the shipment and proforma invoice with a customs value (these are usually elaborated by the mover).
- Copy of certificate of residence cancellation, if available.
- Export declaration named "dichiarazione di libera esportazione".
- Dichiarazione sostitutiva dell'atto di notorietà " (statutory declaration) confirming the reason for the move.
- Declaration for electrical items (currently required only for ocean shipments).
- Many shipping lines require customer's contact phone number and email address at origin and/or destination.
- Shipper's EORI code.

Customs Prescriptions

- If shipment had to include items older than 50 years or paintings or artworks of high artistic value, additional paperwork, formalities or authorizations (i.e., issued by Fine Art authorities) might be required. Please check with your FIDI Italian agents for more details submitting the specific case.

Remarks

- Forms might vary according to the customs office and some offices might require additional forms.
- Some customs offices require a declaration for dangerous – restricted goods (for ocean and air shipments) from the customer or the mover.
- For the exportation of new goods accompanied by VAT exempted invoices in the name of the exporter with the final destination address abroad, the exporter will need to require the supplier to issue an export declaration named "dichiarazione di libera esportazione" on their letterhead + inventory with number of items and weight.
- Purchase invoices including VAT cannot be submitted to the customs office and therefore exporter cannot expect to be returned the VAT from the shop/supplier.
- It can be difficult to ship new goods (accompanied by VAT exempted invoices) with used household goods in an air shipment or a LCL shipment. Importation of new goods will still need to be authorized by the destination agent.

Vehicles

Documents Required

- Certificate of ownership (Certificato di proprietà digitale CDPD).

- The exporter will need to provide an attestation on a form provided by the shipping line confirming that the tank is empty, and the battery has been disconnected.
- An additional declaration will also be required to confirm the vehicle does not fall under IMO category.
- Power of attorney
- Copy of owner's passport
- Copy of owner's "Codice fiscale" number – if shipper has an Italian VAT number, this should also be provided.
- Copy of certificate of residence cancellation, if available.
- Export declaration named "dichiarazione di libera esportazione".
- Dichiarazione sostitutiva atto di notorietà (not every customs office would require it).
- Many shipping lines require customer's contact phone number and email address at origin and/or destination.
- Shipper's EORI Code.

Customs Prescriptions

- Vehicles can be exported only if they are cancelled from the P.R.A. (Public Vehicle Register) and from the Italian vehicle archive with the return of the plates and the logbook ("Carta di circolazione").
- One of the required conditions to obtain the cancellations is that the vehicle has been reviewed not more than 6 months prior to the cancellation request and that the technical review inspection has been successful.
- The exporter will be given a document named "foglio di via", temporary plates, and the voided "carta di circolazione" which will have to be submitted to the customs office.
- Vehicles will need to be prepared for shipping as follows:
 - fuel tank to be completely emptied
 - battery to be disconnected

Remarks

- Please be advised that the inclusion of vehicles in the shipments increase the risk of customs inspection.
- Not all shipping lines accept inclusion of vehicles, and they would require documents to be submitted before accepting any.
- Approvals from the shipping line / customs at destination might also be needed.
- It is recommended to contact your Italian agent for further details as though the deregistration rule was implemented a few years ago, some customs offices are not even aware.

Restricted or forbidden items

Customs Prescriptions

- The following list represents several items that are considered to pose significant hazards, security or customs issues. It is indicative only:
 - Handguns / any weapon or part of it / shot guns / hunting rifles/ ammunitions
 - Hover boards
 - Swords/sabres (including decorative ones) – hunting knives
 - Explosives & flammables
 - Paint/varnish
 - Matches, lighters, and lighter fluids
 - Oils and lubricants
 - Lithium and any type of battery (including the ones for laptops, cameras, mobile phones etc..) unless shipped following IMO procedures and approved by the shipping line.
 - If a battery cannot be removed from the appliance, the appliance cannot be shipped unless

authorized by the shipping line.

- A small quantity of nonlithium batteries can be included in the sea shipment.
- Car / motorbike / bicycle / scooter lithium batteries and even batteries in toys like baby cars / motorbikes cannot be included.
- Fridges or any other appliance with gas
- Diving equipment (air tanks) – fire extinguishers
- Corrosives (acids, photographic acids used in developing film, water purifying agents)
- Compressed air / spray bottles / aerosol cans
- Perfumes / deodorants (cannot be included in air shipments)
- Pornography
- Illegal drugs
- Perishables
- Bleach / hazardous materials
- Propane tanks
- Animal skins / animal trophies
- Wood subject to CITES authorization
- Tusks / ivory
- Liquids
- Print cartridges / toner (cannot be included in air shipments)
- Medicine / prescription drugs
- Subject to approval (depending on destination country and shipping line/consolidator used):
- Wine
- Alcohol and any beverage
- Non-perishable food / spices
- Furs, skins
- Non dangerous liquids in air shipments
- Cosmetics, toiletries

Remarks

- Security measures and controls on goods are very strict in Italy, and the inclusion of forbidden items can lead to delays and additional costs.

Domestic pets

Documents Required

- ISO-compliant microchip.
- Certificate of good health issued by an accredited veterinarian is always required, regardless of the destination.
- For travel within the EU, this certificate can be issued directly by a private veterinarian and recorded in the pet's passport.
- For travel to non-EU countries, the certificate must be obtained through the local health authority (ASL).
- The timeframe for obtaining the certificate varies depending on the destination. For EU countries, it is always valid for 10 days.

Remarks

- The rabies vaccination must be administered after the microchip has been implanted (or at the earliest, on the same day), and at least 30 days before the export date.
- Additional requirements or pre-export veterinary treatments may also apply, depending on the destination country.