

NORTH MACEDONIA

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Foreigners - Documents needed for temporary import

Documents Required

- Packing List
- Proforma Invoice
- Macedonian ID
- Packing List

Customs Prescriptions

- Temporary import is defined by a visa in the individual's passport stating that he/she is permitted to work in Macedonia for a stated period of time.
- Temporary import for work permit holders does not allow any type of duty and tax free import.
- Individuals moving to Macedonia on a work permitted status are allowed to import HHG with paying duties of 25% and VAT of 18% of the declared value.
- These rates are charged if the importer can provide invoices for the goods being imported. If no invoice is provided the calculation is based on 3 Euros per kilo.
- Temporary import allows for the client to pay duties and taxes proportionally. For example if temporary import is for one year, the amount of duties and taxes will be split to 12 months.

Remarks

- Import customs clearance in Macedonia takes 2 days.
- Plants and flowers need special permits and certificates from origin country.
- Always check the import requirements with your local agent in advance.

Returning Macedonian citizens

Documents Required

- Packing List
- Copy of passport
- Proforma Invoice
- Original export customs documents

Customs Prescriptions

- Returning Macedonian citizens also pay duties and taxes on their shipments, unless there is a proof that the same items have been exported from the country earlier.

Remarks

- Import customs clearance in Macedonia takes 2 days.
- Plants and flowers need special permits and certificates from origin country. Please always check the import requirements with us in advance.

Diplomats

Documents Required

- Packing List
- Proforma invoice or statement by importer of the value of the goods
- Protocol from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Diplomatic ID Card

Customs Prescriptions

- Diplomats are permitted to import HHG and personal effects into Macedonia free of taxes and duties.

Remarks

- Import customs clearance in Macedonia takes 2 days.
- Plants and flowers need special permits and certificates from origin country. Please always check the import requirements with us in advance.

VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Purchase invoice or proforma invoice
- Certificate of title
- Ownership paperwork
- Parameters of the car (year of manufacture, model, type, volumetric capacity of the engine, petrol or diesel)

Remarks

- Vehicles being imported to Macedonia cannot be older than 10 years or standard EURO 5.

CARPETS, PAINTINGS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, ART EFFECTS AND ANTIQUES

Documents Required

- Apart from the paperwork required for import of normal HHG the following documents are needed for import customs clearance of art effects and antiques:
- Invoice
- Art/antique certificate of origin

Remarks

- If the shipper paid duties and taxes on the imported antiques to Macedonia and would like to export them one day, permit from Ministry of Culture will be required for export customs clearance.

SPECIAL ITEMS (E.G. RIFLES, STUFFED ANIMALS, ETC.)

Documents Required

- For import of rifles an import permit from the Macedonian Ministry of Interior need to be obtained in advance.
- For import of stuffed animals import permit from the Macedonian Veterinary Institute is requested to be obtained in advance.

Remarks

- For other special items proforma invoice and certificate of origin will be requested for import clearance, and depending of the nature of the item being imported special permit might be required as well.
- All documents for import customs clearance of these items must be ready before the shipment is sent.

IMPORT OF WINE, SPIRITS AND TOBACCO

Customs Prescriptions

- The allowance limit for import of wine, spirits and tobacco products for personal consumption is:
- Wine: 1 liter
- Spirits: 1 liter
- Cigarettes: 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco
- Quantities being imported exceeding the allowance are dutiable:
- Wine: 50% Duty + 18% VAT
- Beer: 0% Duty + 18% VAT or 0.05 EUR x %VoI. Alcohol x Litres
- Spirits: 0% Duty -I- 18% VAT or 5 EUR x %VoI. Alcohol x Litres

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Customs Prescriptions

- Weapons of all kinds
- Pornography
- Narcotics
- Toxic material
- Radioactive material
- Printers, computers, TV's (any type), DVD players, air conditioners, monitors, laptops,
- refrigerators - for non-diplomatic shipments
- Tires — for non-diplomatic shipments