

REUNION ISLAND

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Personal effects

Documents Required

- Information form on which arrival contact details must appear, as well as your date of arrival in Reunion.
- Detailed, valued, dated, and signed inventory for used effects, in Euros, in French, on which your address at destination must appear.
- Attestation concerning prohibited articles to be returned to your local agent, dated and signed.
- Colour scan of passport or ID (both sides) if European.
- “Déclaration pour l’entrée à la Réunion” to be completed, dated and signed
- Proof of main residence in mainland France or any other country OUTSIDE OF REUNION for at least a year (e.g., the last two tax returns).
- Military
- Copy of the transfer order. If not available, you will have to submit a change of residence certificate to your agent prior to shipment of effects.
- Civil servants and companies
- Order of transfer or employment attestation. If not available, you will have to submit a change of residence certificate to your mover prior to
- shipment of effects.
- Individuals
- Change of residence certificate or work contract for individuals, on which must appear the period spent in the country of origin.
- To be submitted prior to shipment of effects.
- Copy of plane ticket
- Proof of residence in Reunion: copy of lease contract in Reunion or accommodation attestation from a third party (as well as an electricity bill from the person who will accommodate you in Reunion and their identity document) or a hotel attestation for clients who will temporarily stay at a hotel / invoice less than three months old.

Remarks

- Since February 2014, a fee based on the gross weight, in Euros per ton, is payable for offloaded personal effects, loaded or transshipped at Reunion Port. This is RSM tax as following.
- (80 euro for 20' container + 25-euro admin fees)
- 155 euro for 40'container + 25-euro admin fees
- For groupage shipment.
- 1 ton = 10 euro +25 eur admin fees
- 2 ton = 20 euro +25 eur admin fees
- 3 ton = 30 euro +25 eur admin fees
- 4 ton =40 euro + 25 eur admin fees
- 5 tons = 50 euros + 25 eur admin fees

- More than 5 tons = 76 eur +25 eur admin fees
- The inventory must be detailed per item, as taxation rates vary based on the item categories and materials.
- For each non exempted file where dock dues will apply, we will bill back client at cost + 160 euro for admin fees.

New and used vehicles, classic or vintage vehicles.

Documents Required

- New vehicles
- Copy of identity document or passport
- Latest tax return
- Certificate of origin if vehicle was bought in a foreign country.
- Proof of residence in Reunion: copy of lease contract in Reunion or accommodation attestation from a third party or a hotel attestation for clients who will temporarily stay at a hotel / invoice less than three months old.
- In Temporary Transit
- Copy of vehicle registration documents in TT
- Copy of Invoice excl. VAT
- If vehicle is exported by car dealer: T2L / COA / EX1.
- In WW
- Copy of temporary vehicle registration documents in WW export
- Copy of Invoice
- International "carnet" (if you have a foreign vehicle)
- Certificate of sale (if vehicle is foreign)
- If the vehicle is exported by car dealer: T2L / COA / EX1.
- Excl. VAT without registration
- Copy of Invoice
- Certificate of sale (if vehicle is foreign).
- Used vehicles
- Copy of identity document or passport
- Most recent tax return
- Copy of vehicle registration documents
- Valid original Certificate of Administrative Status (CSA)
- Change of residence certificate, transfert letter or work contract
- Proof of residence in Reunion: copy of lease contract in Reunion or accommodation attestation from a third party or a hotel attestation for clients who will temporarily stay at a hotel / invoice less than three months old.
- Cars and motorbikes
- Descriptive inventory of the car or motorbike in euros, in French, dated and signed.
- Proof of main residence in mainland France or any other country OUTSIDE OF REUNION for at least a year (e.g., the last two tax returns).
- Copy of the latest income tax notification
- Purchase invoice if the vehicle was
- purchased from a professional or if it belongs to the shipper for less than a year.
- Registered scooters
- Descriptive inventory of the scooter in Euros, in French, stating brand and engine size, dated and signed.
- 49.9 cm3 scooter not registered before July 2004
- Descriptive inventory of the scooter in French, in euros, stating brand and engine size, dated and signed.
- Classic or vintage vehicles

- If your vehicle does not have a certificate of compliance:
- You must apply to the FFVE for a certificate of manufacture, which will enable you to obtain a classic vehicle registration certificate.
- Importing a vintage vehicle from abroad used to incur customs duties of almost 30%. The FFVE has obtained a reduction in taxes to 5.5% for classic vehicles.
- Inflatable watercraft with outboard engine
- Descriptive inventory in French
- Invoice for the craft and its engine
- For registered craft: copy of official documents ("carte de circulation").

Remarks

- In case of a change of residence, only vehicles classified as VP or Caravane (selfpropelled vehicle) on the vehicle registration document will be exempted from Dock Dues (octroi de mer).
- Vans, pick-ups, and commercial vehicles are subject to dock dues (octroi de mer).
- Starting February 2014, a fee based on the gross weight, in Euros per ton, is payable on offloaded motor vehicles (motorbikes incl.), loaded or transhipped at Reunion Port.
- Vehicles on hire purchase
- In addition to the documents listed, export authorisation from the credit company is needed.
- Non-transferred clients will have to submit a Change of Residence Certificate in their name, copy of ID and marriage / PACS certificate.
- All 49,9cm³ scooters bought after 1 July 2004 must be registered. Refer to "Registered scooters" for the list of documents to be submitted.
- For each non exempted file where dock dues will apply, we will bill back client at cost + 160 euro for admin fees.