

TUNISIA

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Removal goods

Documents Required

- Original Passport.
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB).
- Detailed inventory of all appliances (not valued).
- Original Residence Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Interior).
- Original Work Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Employment).
- Original ID card, if applicable (for returning Tunisian citizens, both spouses for married status).
- Packing list in French (Diplomats).
- Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption (Diplomats).
- Authorizations issued by the Ministry of Tourism, allowing the customer to have a secondary residence (secondary residences).
- Proof of purchase by the appropriate government office (secondary residences).
- Sales Contract of secondary residence (second residences).

Customs Prescriptions

- An advance copy of the OBL must be sent to the destination agent with name matching the passport exactly.
- For foreign expatriates employed in Tunisia, Tunisian Customs is differentiating those working for the Export/Offshore market and those working for the local market.
- For the Expats working for the Export/Offshore market goods will be cleared Duty Free on the temporary franchise basis. All items previously imported must be exported upon departure.
- For the Expats working for the local market Taxes & Duties will apply.
- All shipments are subject to an inspection at the point of entry (POE), except diplomatic shipments.
- The shipper must be present for Customs clearance, except Diplomats.
- For foreign Expats entering Tunisia via employment contract, the original Work Permit is required for Customs clearance. If not available, additional port storage and container demurrage charges will be charged.
- If the property owner is unable to provide the final Residence Permit at clearance time then Customs will ask for a deposit reimbursed after production of the final document, Residence Permit / Work Permit (foreigners on employment contracts with duty-free entry).
- The shipper (Diplomat) should be present in Tunisia at least 2–3 weeks prior to the shipment's arrival to be accredited by the Tunisian Government and present the Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption, which must be approved by both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs Administration. It takes approximately 1 month to be duly approved by both administrations.
- For Retired People:
- If shipper is the owner of his residence then Customs will ask for the Title Ownership, the

residence permit and clear goods on a duty free temporary basis

- If shipper is renting the place then Customs will ask for the residence permit, proof of financial resources through the local Tunisian Bank. Shipment will be subject to Taxes & Duties. It is advisable to avoid exceeding the 1x20' Container volume.
- The Packing List should be forwarded to the destination agent in advance with a copy of the OBL in order to avoid delays.

Remarks

- Valuable articles should be declared upon arrival to ensure re-export.
- Baggage is cleared at the first airport of entry in Tunisia.
- Exempt: passengers in transit at Tunis (TUN) to a destination outside of Tunisia, holding onward tickets.

Restricted items

Customs Prescriptions

- Live animals – health certificate required along with complete and valid inoculations. Contact nearest embassy to obtain permission.
- Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES maybe be brought in only with CITES permission.
- Medication.
- Local currency - Tunisian Dinar (TND) – cash import available only with permission. Contact the nearest embassy.
- Foreign Currency declarable when exceeding the below amounts:
- Foreigners - the equivalent of TND 5,000.
- Residents - the equivalent of TND 25,000.
- Hunting weapons permissible only with authorisation obtainable from Ministry of Interior. Contact nearest embassy for more information.
- Plants (a Phytosanitary Certificate is required).
- Appliances, electronics, and computers
- 1 of each item is allowed;
- make, model and serial number must be included on the detailed inventory.
- New items (dutiabale).
- Perfumes (reasonable quantity).
- Satellite receivers, faxes, walkie-talkies, and telephones.
- Subject to possible temporary hold by Customs these items are allowed entry only with authorization from the appropriate authorities.
- 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 100 cigarillos or 500g of tobacco.
- There is no information on age restrictions.
- 1L of spirits (over 25% volume of alcohol) or 2L of lighter alcohol beverages (up to 25% volume of alcohol).

Remarks

- The same restrictions on spirits and alcohol apply for diplomats. They should check their allowance with their Embassy prior to shipping.

Prohibited items

Customs Prescriptions

- Drones & mini-drones
- Pornographic documents

- Counterfeit items
- Cultural artefacts and other objects of cultural importance
- Henna
- Palm tree and any products thereof
- Explosive material
- Illegal drugs, narcotics
- Weapons, ammunition, explosives