

Morocco

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Documents

Documents required for importing used household goods, personal effects, and related shipments.

For Moroccan Nationals (Returning Residents / MRE)

- Copy of passport with entry stamp into Morocco
- Original Certificate of Change of Residence (CCR), stamped by the Moroccan Consulate in the country of departure. The CCR must be on official municipal letterhead, signed and stamped. It can be obtained at most Moroccan consulates and embassies abroad. Confirm requirements with the destination agent before departure.
- Original attestation of definitive return from the Moroccan Embassy
- Detailed inventory in French or Arabic, dated, valued, and signed by the owner
- Packing list, detailed, dated, and signed
- Work contract or original attestation from a Moroccan company
- Salary advice for the last 2 years
- Sworn statement confirming goods are used (original required), with Power of Attorney bearing a legalized signature. The template for the sworn statement is provided by the Moroccan destination agent.
- Exemption certificate, if applicable
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items

For Foreign Citizens

- Copy of passport in colour, including the page showing first entry into Morocco
- Original Certificate of Change of Residence, issued by the police or the owner's Embassy in Morocco
- Resident permit / work permit / letter of employment
- Detailed inventory in French or Arabic, dated, valued, and signed by the owner
- Packing list, detailed, dated, and signed
- Sworn statement confirming goods are used (original required), with Power of Attorney bearing a legalized signature
- Original OBL / Express Release / AWB
- Invoices for electrical and hi-fi appliances, and any items purchased within 6 months prior to import
- Signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items

For Diplomats

- Franchising letter delivered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rabat (in French)
- Inventory in French or Arabic, stamped by the diplomatic entity
- Copy of passport
- Power of Attorney on diplomatic entity letterhead, stamped

- Sworn statement on diplomatic entity letterhead, stamped
- Verbal note from the diplomatic entity

Specific Information

Inheritance follows the same duty-free conditions as removal goods, with a notary act identifying the deceased and the heir's family relationship, a notary-issued inventory, and a copy of the heir's passport.

Used household goods and personal effects may be imported duty-free provided they have been in the owner's possession and use for a minimum of 6 months and the applicable exemption documentation has been obtained. New articles are subject to Moroccan import duties and taxes, which can be approximately 50% of assessed value depending on the item category. All documents must be express-mailed to the destination agent at least 15 days prior to shipment arrival to allow time to apply for the duty-free exemption.

If goods are shipped in two separate consignments, the second shipment must arrive no later than 6 months after the first.

Antiques and works of art are duty-free when used and forming part of removal goods, but require a detailed valued inventory and an authorisation issued by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Container inspection: All containers are systematically inspected by Moroccan Customs. Electrical and household appliances should be placed near the container doors for ease of access by inspectors. Media such as DVDs, CDs, and digital storage devices will also be inspected and must be easily identifiable.

Currency declaration: Foreign nationals carrying the equivalent of 100,000 MAD (approximately USD 10,000) or more in cash or bearer instruments must declare this to Customs on arrival. The declaration must be retained to justify the origin of funds on departure. It is valid for one stay only, for a period of up to 6 months.

ISPM 15: All wooden packing materials must comply with ISPM 15 phytosanitary standards and bear the appropriate mark. Confirm current requirements with the destination agent, as enforcement can vary by port of entry.

Duties & Taxes

Wedding trousseaux are duty-free except for new items. Required documents: wedding certificate, original CCR, inventory in French or Arabic, proof of the spouse's residence in Morocco, Power of Attorney with legalized signature, and sworn statement (original required).

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from import into Morocco:

- Narcotic drugs and controlled substances
- Pornographic materials of any kind. Possession, distribution, or importation is illegal under Moroccan law.
- Drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The importation of drones has been prohibited since March 2015 and applies to all consumer and recreational drones regardless of size or weight. Drones detected at Customs will be confiscated. A deposit fee may allow recovery of the device on departure if declared upon entry. Professional productions may apply for a special import permit, which typically takes approximately 40 days to obtain. *(Permit Required)*
- Books, magazines, or printed materials that are pornographic, politically hostile to the Moroccan Kingdom, or Islamophobic
- Maps depicting the southern provinces of Morocco as a separate territory will be confiscated

- Used tyres
- Used clothing (commercial quantities)
- Rugs similar to those produced domestically (commercial quantities) *(Permit Required for exceptions)*
- Explosives and related materials *(Permit Required)*
- Firearms not meeting the restricted hunting weapon criteria *(Permit Required)*
- Endangered species and products derived from CITES-listed wildlife *(CITES)*

Restricted / Dutiable Items

New articles included in a removal shipment are subject to Moroccan import duties and taxes (approximately 50% of assessed value, depending on category). New articles require a separate invoice and packing list.

Alcohol (fond de cave): Alcohol included as part of a removal must be noted as "fond de cave" on the packing list and must appear to have been purchased prior to the move (bottles should not be in new, unopened outer cases). Allowances by importer status:

- Foreign nationals: up to 25 to 30 bottles total (15 opened bottles plus 15 unopened bottles)
- Diplomats: up to 19 boxes of alcohol (each box containing 6 or 12 bottles)

Hunting arms and ammunition: Smooth-barreled hunting weapons may be imported duty-free as part of removal goods when used and accompanied by a hunting permit and firearm acquisition certificate. If documents are not present at inspection, firearms will be retained by Customs until the required permits are obtained. Firearms and ammunition must be easily identifiable and placed near the container doors.

Cellular and satellite communication equipment: Mobile phones, cordless telephones, fax machines, and satellite walkie-talkies require a declaration and certificate to be submitted to the ANRT (Agence Nationale de Reglementation des Telecommunications). Confirm current procedures with the destination agent prior to shipping.

Tinned food and pet food: Small quantities admitted as part of removal goods. Customs may request laboratory analysis from the Ministry of Agriculture, which adds time and cost. It is advisable to minimise these items in shipments.

Medicine: Personal-use quantities are admitted. A medical certificate and prescription should accompany any medication. Quantities beyond personal use require prior authorisation from the Ministry of Health.

Antiques and works of art: Duty-free when used and forming part of removal goods, subject to a detailed valued inventory and authorisation from the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Books, records, and cassettes: Admitted without a separate list requirement.

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea / road shipments.

Inventory preparation: All inventories must be in French or Arabic, dated, valued in a specified currency, and signed by the owner. A separate packing list must also be detailed, dated, and signed. A signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items is required.

Document lead times: Household goods documents must be express-mailed to the destination agent at least 15 days before shipment arrival. Vehicle documents must be received at least 1 month before arrival. Missing these deadlines risks storage and demurrage charges and delays in clearance.

Container inspection: All containers are systematically inspected by Moroccan Customs. Electrical appliances and high-value items should be placed near the container doors. Media (DVDs, CDs, digital storage) will be inspected and must be easily identifiable.

Unpredictable expenses: Port and airport taxes are payable upon collection of personal effects. Storage and demurrage accrue quickly if documentation is incomplete or delayed. Canned and pet food may be subject to agricultural ministry laboratory analysis at the importer's cost. New

items in a shipment are subject to duties that cannot be waived.

Principal ports of entry: Casablanca (primary seaport), Tangier Med, and Agadir by sea; international airports in Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakech, and Fes. Confirm routing and port clearance procedures with the destination agent.