Country Guide (IAM)

Slovenia

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Documents

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

For EU Citizens Moving to Slovenia (Transfer of Residence)

- Passport or EU national ID
- Slovenian tax number (*davčna številka*) -- must be obtained on arrival from FURS
- Residence registration in Slovenia (*prijava stalnega ali začasnega bivališča*)
- Inventory in Slovenian or English
- Signed statement from the owner confirming: Slovenian residence; that goods have been in the owner's possession and use for more than 6 months; that the owner has not previously imported goods under duty/tax exemption; and (for those returning from outside the EU) that the owner lived outside the EU for more than 12 months -- supported by a letter from a previous employer or a statement from the local Slovenian embassy

For Non-EU Citizens Moving to Slovenia

- Passport
- Slovenian ID (issued on establishing residence)
- Slovenian tax number
- Residence registration in Slovenia
- Inventory in Slovenian or English
- Employment letter from a Slovenian employer
- All documentation applicable to EU citizens above (the same conditions apply, except proof of 12 months outside the EU is not required)

For Diplomats

- Diplomatic identification
- Statement issued by the owner's embassy stating the nature, purpose, and value of the goods
- Tax and duty exemption certificate issued by the Slovenian Ministry of Finance

Specific Information

Slovenia applies the EU Transfer of Residence (ToR) relief framework. Slovenian citizens, other EU citizens, and non-EU citizens who have lived outside the EU for more than 12 months and are relocating to Slovenia may import used household goods and personal effects -- including a car, motorbike, boat, camp trailer, airplane, pets, and horse -- free of import customs duties and VAT, provided that taxes were paid upon purchase of the goods in the country of origin.

Key conditions for duty- and VAT-free import:

- Goods must have been in the owner's possession and personal use for more than 6 months before import.

- The owner must not have previously used a duty/tax exemption for an earlier import.
- Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of residence registration in Slovenia.
- There is no limit on the total value of goods that may be imported under this relief.
- Goods may not be disposed of for 12 months after import (the period stated by the customs office).

All goods intended for import must be declared at the time of first import. A Slovenian tax number must be obtained on or before arrival -- this is a prerequisite for the customs declaration process. The destination agent can assist but the client must be registered with FURS.

The signed statement from the owner is a key document; it must explicitly confirm all conditions and must be personally signed. It cannot be prepared generically -- the destination agent should provide the exact required language.

All solid wood packing materials must comply with ISPM 15 phytosanitary treatment standards.

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from import into Slovenia:

- Illegal drugs and narcotics (medicines for personal use with a valid medical prescription are permitted in reasonable quantities -- a medical certificate must be presented)
- Weapons and firearms without authorization [PERMIT REQUIRED]
- Counterfeit goods
- Endangered species and their products as listed under CITES -- ivory, tortoise shells, coral, reptile skins, etc. [CITES]
- Pornographic material involving minors
- Goods subject to EU sanctions

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Intra-EU travel (no customs limits -- goods for personal use):

There are no legal quantity limits on goods moved within the EU for personal use, provided duty and tax have been paid in the EU country of purchase. The same EU indicative quantities apply as in other member states (see Restricted Items section under Slovakia guide for reference quantities).

Arrivals from outside the EU (duty-free allowances for accompanied baggage):

By air or sea: personal goods of non-commercial nature up to EUR 430. By road or rail: up to EUR 300. Tobacco and alcohol: standard EU allowances (200 cigarettes / 50 cigars / 250 g tobacco; 1 L spirits over 22% or 2 L wine/lower-strength spirits; 4 L still wine; 16 L beer) for persons 17 and over.

Currency: Amounts of EUR 10,000 or more entering or leaving the EU must be declared at customs.

New items: New household goods from outside the EU are subject to customs duties under the EU Common External Tariff and VAT at 22%. A purchase invoice is required.

Antiques, artwork, carpets, paintings: An import permit issued by the Slovenian Ministry of Culture is required. An export certificate from the Slovenian Ministry of Culture is required when re-exporting such items.

Wedding trousseaux: Documents required: passport, detailed inventory, marriage certificate, and residence registration.

Inheritances: Documents required: death certificate, copy of will or court statement, and the beneficiary's Slovenian tax ID number.

Arms and ammunition: Require an import permit and a valid firearms/hunting license. Must be declared separately and are subject to special customs inspection. All arms must be listed on the inventory. Only firearms for which the owner holds a valid license may be imported.

[PERMIT REQUIRED]

Beverages (alcohol): Detailed inventory of beverages must be included. Duties and taxes apply. Alcohol, tobacco, and food items cannot be imported as part of a household goods shipment -- they must be shipped or declared separately.

Plants and plant products: A phytosanitary certificate is required for imports of plants from outside the EU. Phytosanitary inspection is conducted before customs clearance.

Consignment Instructions

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

Slovenia is a small Central European country with access to the Adriatic Sea at the Port of Koper (one of the most important cargo ports in Central and Eastern Europe). Most household goods shipments arrive via Koper or by road through neighboring countries. Ljubljana's airport (LJU -- Jože Pučnik Airport) handles air freight.

The Slovenian tax number must be obtained before customs clearance can proceed. The destination agent should coordinate this with the client as early as possible. Without the tax number, the shipment cannot be cleared.

The signed owner's statement is a critical document -- the destination agent should provide the exact text required by Slovenian customs. This must be personally signed and should not be delegated.

Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of residence registration -- this is a longer window than many EU member states (which apply a 6-month window). However, all goods must be declared at the time of first import; multiple partial shipments cannot be cleared incrementally under separate declarations.

Alcohol, tobacco, and food items must not be included in household goods shipments. They should be carried as accompanied baggage or shipped separately with appropriate duty and tax declarations.