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CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of local ID / Residence Permit
- Declaration of value / Pro-forma Invoice
- Packing list
- List of electronic items (must include serial numbers and model)
- Letter of Employment (must be for a minimum of 12 months)
- Copy of Residential Rental Contract (must be for a minimum of 12 months)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Copy of Diplomatic Passport (Diplomats)
- Diplomatic ID (Diplomats)
Letter of Assignment (Diplomats only - issued by the Embassy stating the position and duties of shipper)
- Declaration for Temporary Import (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- The Declaration for Temporary Import must be prepared by the Embassy and approved by the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Baggage clearance occurs at the first airport of entry in Bulgaria.
- Non-prohibited items may be imported on a temporary basis for a period 6 months or less; Customs duties will not be charged with a Letter of Guarantee from a Bulgarian organization stating that the goods will be returned or duties will be paid.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original vehicle Registration
- Purchase Invoice
- Technical data (model, make, year of production, first year of registration, kilowatts of the engine, color, etc.)

Specific Information

- The kilowatts of the engine must be indicated as per the European system DIN or American system SAE.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Record

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Specific Information

- Veterinary Health Record must be issued by an authorized vet, identifying the origin and health status of the pet and made within 24 hours of its export.
- Pets under 3 months old must have lived indoors since birth.
- Animals are examined by personnel upon arrival.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Guns and ammunition (permission must be obtained)
- Personal home computers as well as new electrical items are subject to Customs duties and taxes and purchases are required
- Precious metal, precious stones must be declared in writing.
- Medications for personal use can be imported but may not be expired.
- Tobacco may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200)
 - Cigarillos (100)
 - Cigars (50)
 - Tobacco for smoking (250 grams)
- Alcohol may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
 - Wine (2 L)
 - Sparkling or fortified wine (2 L)
 - Spirits over 22% volume alcohol content (1 L)
- Coffee (500 g), coffee extract (200 g)
- Tea (100 g), tea extract (40 g)
- Perfume (50 g), eau de toilette (250 ml)
- Currency (cash sums greater than 8000 levs require the completion of a Customs Declaration prior to import)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Pornographic materials
- Dangerous chemicals
- Knives and deadly weapons

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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

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Helpful Website(s):

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/bu>

<http://74.81.82.58/~bulgaria>

<http://www.customs.bg/en/page/14>