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CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Original Passport
- Original T2L (page 4) signed by Origin Customs (shipments from European Union (EU) countries, including Diplomats)
- Packing List
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) or Express Waybill / Air Waybill (AWB) (must show C status for EU countries)
- Sale Agreement / Termination of Rental Agreement in origin country (non-EU countries)
- Utility bills (non-EU countries)
- Exemption Form from the local Embassy (Diplomats from non-EU countries)
- Form 1002 signed and stamped by the local Embassy
- Letter of Employment (non-EU countries) (Diplomats from non-EU countries)
- Registration of your children at local schools (non-EU countries)
- Bank statement confirming you have an funds in Cyprus (non-EU countries)
- Copy of ticket / boarding pass of flight to Cyprus (non-EU countries)

Specific Information

- All shipments arriving from non-EU member countries are inspected. Less-than-container load (LCL) shipments and air shipments are inspected at the port/airport. Full container load (FCL) shipments are inspected at the residence by Customs officers.
- New items arriving from non-EU member countries are dutiable. All items owned and used for less than 6 months are considered new. This period excludes the shipping time to Cyprus. Customers must declare new items to Customs; otherwise, penalties, duties and taxes will be charged
- The pre-alert must be sent at least 48 hours before the arrival of shipment at Larnaca (air shipments from EU member countries).
- A wharfage charge is a Port Authority charge based on the weight of the shipment on all import and export shipments and is even charged on Diplomatic shipments.
- Wharfage charges are approximately EUR 110-150 for a 20' container and approximately EUR 130-200 for a 40' container with household goods and personal effects. For LCL shipments it can vary from EUR 50-100.
- All customers pay a wharfage charge regardless of their status.
- All solid wood packing materials used as overcasing, bracing or blocking must conform to EU Commission Directive 2004/102/EC (ISPM15) and be appropriately and clearly marked with IPPC symbol, registration and treatment codes.
- Returning students bringing used household goods and personal effects from non-EU member countries must pay duties and VAT ranging from approximately 18-33% on the current value declared to Customs. Duties depend on the items being imported.

MOTOR VEHICLES / MOTOR BIKES

Documents Required

Motor Vehicles

- Copy of Passport
- OBL / Express Waybill / C Status AWB (C Status for air shipments from EU countries)
- Packing list

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- Exemption Certificate from the local Embassy (Diplomats)
- Form 1002 stamped and signed by the local Embassy (Diplomats)
- Original registration documents (client must attend LIMASSOL Customs if shipping a car, bike, or boat) (Diplomats)
- Sale Agreement / Termination of Rental Agreement in origin country (non-EU countries)
- Letter of Employment
- Registration of your children at local schools
- Bank statement confirming the shipper has an account on the Island
- Proof of insurance for the 6 months prior to entry may be required

Specific Information

- A shipper from a non-EU country can import one car duty free under the following conditions:
 - It is already registered in his/her name) and used for more than 6 months
 - The mileage is more than 6,000 kms
 - The owner lived abroad for a continuous period of 12 months prior to transfer of normal residence
 - The car must be imported within 6 months from owner's transfer of primary residence to Cyprus
 - The owner must prove relocation to Cyprus permanently
 - The owner must pay value added tax (VAT), which is approximately 18% on the current value assessed by the Customs
- Upon arrival, the shipper must apply to the Immigration office for permanent residency.
- The car will first be released to the shipper as a "visitor" and will receive a Temporary Importation License (Form C104); extensions may be granted if application is made prior to the expiration date.
- For a shipper from an EU country, VAT and excise duties are not payable provided the client meets the criteria required for the import of a motor vehicle from a non-EU country. If client does not meet the criteria, the payment of excise duties is required. VAT will only be waived if the car is more than 6 months old and the mileage is more than 6000 kms.

Motor Bikes

- Documents should not be left inside the car.
- A shipper from an EU country can import:
 - If less than 599 cc, then no duties or taxes are paid provided age of motor bike is more than 6 months and the mileage is more than 6000 kms (non-EU origin)
 - If over 599 cc, the same rules and regulations for motor vehicles apply (non-EU origin)
- A shipper can only import motor vehicles / bikes free of duties and taxes if registered in their own name.
- A shipper from a non-EU country can import a motor bike if less than 599 cc duty free; however, if the owner does not meet all of the criteria (see regulations for motor vehicles, then the duties of approximately 6-8% plus VAT (approximately 15%) must be paid on the total amount (duty and VAT); if the motor bike is more than 499 cc, then the regulations for motor vehicles apply.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

Specific Information

- Pets must be identifiable through tattoo or an electronic identification system.

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RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Leather and fur coats/shoes (authorization is required)
- Medication (for personal use only)
- Alcoholic beverages may be included in FCL containers as follows:
 - Up to 12 sealed bottles are acceptable
 - Up to 20 open bottles are acceptable

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic materials

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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<http://www.cyprusembassy.net/home>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1098.html