



**LIBYA**



## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport (identification pages and passport translation page in Arabic)
- Packing list
- Entrance Visa / Work Permit (foreigners, Diplomats)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Telex Release / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Letter of Employment (foreigners)
- Statistics Code (provided by Libyan employer) (foreigners)
- Letter from the Libyan Consulate / Letter of Employment (returning citizens)
- Diplomatic Franchise from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Diplomats)

#### **Specific Regulations**

- The Customs clearance procedures can last from 7-10 days (foreigners) / 10-14 days (Diplomats).
- The shipper does not need to be present for Customs clearance.
- A letter from the Libyan Consulate is required for returning citizens, detailing the shipper's mission abroad; however, if the entity employing the shipper has a branch in Libya, a letter from the employing branch is acceptable for re-entry.
- The shipper's import documents should be ready prior to shipment arrival at the port / airport of entry to minimize port charges.
- Duties of approximately 10% may apply on shipments above the Customs estimate; however, Diplomats are exempt.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **Documents Required**

- OBL
- Purchase Invoice

#### **Specific Regulations**

- Returning citizens cannot import vehicles older than 5 years of manufacture.
- For returning citizens 10% duty is applicable after the Customs estimation process.
- For foreigners, 25% of the value of the vehicle is paid as a deposit and a Temporary Regime is applied. The deposit is refunded after the foreigner's final departure.

### **PETS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate (2 copies)

#### **Specific Regulations**

- The documents must accompany pets entering Libya.

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## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Plants and plant products (a Plant Quarantine Certificate is required)
- Insecticides (a permit obtained from the Secretariat of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform's Plant Protection Department is required)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Narcotics
- Pornographic materials
- Counterfeit items
- Explosive materials
- Alcohol and spirits
- Guns

## 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://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_951.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_951.html)

<http://www.libyusaembassy.com>