



Importing Personal Property into

MOROCCO

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- All items are for personal use only.
- Shipment is cleared within six months of the shipper's arrival.
- All household goods that have been owned and used by the shipper for at least 6 months.
- All major appliances are used.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Passports for all family members entering Morocco
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Original change of residence certificate
- ✓ Detailed, valued inventory in French, listing all household goods and personal effects. The inventory must be signed and dated by the shipper.
- ✓ Detailed list of all books, videos, CDs, cassette tapes and DVDs - include titles and authors.
- ✓ For electrical items and appliances less than 6 months old, invoices will be required.
- ✓ Work contract issued by the Labor Ministry in Rabat
- ✓ Resident or Work Permit or letter from employer verifying shipper is moving to Morocco to fulfill a new contract.
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Airway Bill
- ✓ Certificate for free entry provided by the Customs Head Office
- ✓ Letter authorizing destination agent to clear shipment in Morocco

Returning Residents Must Provide:

- ✓ Change of residence & detailed inventory stamped by Moroccan consulate in country of departure.
- ✓ Work permit from foreign country.
- ✓ Evidence of salary for previous 2 years.

NOTES:

- Customs authorities in Morocco must be informed of any additional shipments to be arriving, upon arrival of the first shipment.
- It is recommended that all electrical household appliances be loaded at the door of the container for access during customs clearance.
- Shipper's presence is not required for customs clearance.

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:

- The franchise (duty free certificate) is necessary to clear the shipment. The franchise can only be obtained once the diplomat is in Morocco. It may take 8 days to 3 weeks to obtain this document and during this time the shipment may incur demurrage and/or storage charges, which may not be covered by the Embassy.

PROHIBITED/ RESTRICTED ITEMS, IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS:

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Explosives, firearms and ammunition
- Drugs
- Pornography & politically sensitive materials
- Walkie-talkies
- Narcotics
- Phones, answering machines and fax machines
- Alcohol is prohibited, except for diplomatic shipments.
- Tobacco products
- Moroccan currency

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Computers and electronics are subject to tax.
- Personal jewelry is limited to 500 grams.
- Religious materials
- Antiques
- Business equipment
- Large quantities of money
- Portable phones
- Medicine
- Printed material, records, cassettes, DVDs, VHS tapes, etc. will be censored and should be loaded near the door of the container for easy access.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- One or two used automobiles may be imported as part of a household goods shipment, but they are subject to duty (the amount will be determined in Casablanca). However, the vehicles must be for personal use only, not for sale, rental, or transfer. All vehicles, including wreckage, must be exported when residency terminates.

- The vehicle may be temporarily imported for three months without duty. Beyond this time, the client must pay Customs duty or export the vehicle.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original proof of ownership (title and registration)
- ✓ Notarized copy of shippers entire passport
- ✓ Original invoice
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Airway Bill (must include chassis number and weight of vehicle)

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- All documents regarding the importation of pets must be stamped by the consulate.
- Dogs and cats imported into Morocco must have a health certificate. All other animals must be certified free of diseases transmittable to humans or to other animals.
- Birds with parrot beaks must have a signed statement by the owner indicating that the birds will neither be sold nor used for commercial purposes.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Health Certificate signed by a veterinarian, dated less than 14 days prior to departure.
- Proof of veterinary inoculations
- Original rabies certificate issued at least 30 days and no more than 180 days prior to arrival in Morocco.
- An import permit issued by the Chef du Service Veterinaire in Morocco is required for guinea pigs, hamsters and gerbils.

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.