



## ***Importing Personal Property into***

# **ROMANIA**

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

**Duty-free entry is permitted if proper documentation is provided to the customs authorities.**

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Passport with entry visa dated within 3 months of shipper's arrival in Romania
- ✓ Copy of temporary residence card
- ✓ Copy of company registration
- ✓ Application letter to customs issued by company in Romania
- ✓ Company certificate or letter of employment in Romania
- ✓ Copy of "legitimatie" (Romanian ID)
- ✓ Two photos each of the following items: paintings, carpets, trinkets, ornaments, jewelry, antiques, musical instruments, statues, antiques and old furniture (please include packing list with photos). The photos will be stamped by customs and will be required at the time of export when the shipper returns to their country of origin. One set of the photos will be retained by customs.
- ✓ Serial Numbers for all electrical items (computers, stereos, etc.)
- ✓ Detailed inventory list in Romanian, which is valued, dated & signed
- ✓ OBL or Airway Bill
- ✓ Copy of insurance information
- ✓ Power of Attorney, signed by shipper

#### **Notes:**

- Shipper's presence is not required at customs clearance.
- Inventories must be in Romanian language.

- If books are included in a shipment that were published from 1980 to present, then the inventory must state the total number of books and "New books not older than 1980." If books were published prior to 1980, they must be individually listed on a separate inventory including the title and date published. This list must be provided to customs at the time of export.
- Electronic items must have their type and brand individually listed on the inventory.
- Original import documents and photos will be required at the time of export, so it is very important to keep these documents.
- Non-diplomats temporarily residing in Romania may purchase goods and export them if the value does not exceed EURO:1200 or if only one item is more than EURO:1200 (for example a major appliance or a furniture set).

#### **Diplomats must present the following documents:**

- ✓ Import tax free form from Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Inventory in Romanian with photographs of paintings, carpets, musical instruments, statues, antiques, etc.

#### **Notes:**

- Three copies of the tax free form and inventory in Romanian must be sent to the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval. These forms are processed on Mondays and Thursdays.

## RETURNING ROMANIAN CITIZENS, RESTRICTED/ PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS:

### Returning Romanian citizens must present the following documents:

- ✓ Employment Contract
- ✓ Copy of identification card
- ✓ Approval from Romanian Ministry of Interior for Romanian Citizenship
- ✓ Inventory in Romanian
- ✓ Application letter to customs
- ✓ Power of attorney

### Notes:

- Only one, duty-free importation of household effects is allowed and must occur within 9 months after approval is obtained from the Ministry of Interior.

### RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Firearms and ammunition must be pre-authorized for importation.
- Plants may be included in the household goods shipments. The plants will be inspected upon arrival. If deemed acceptable, a health certificate will be issued. The cost is approximately EURO:90.
- Medicine (small quantities only)
- Alcoholic beverages are restricted to the following quantities: 2 liters over 22% alcohol, 4 liters of wine, 4 liters of beer
- Tobacco is limited to the following quantities: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 grams of tobacco

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Illegal drugs

### IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- One vehicle may be temporarily imported tax-free if shipper is residing in Romania for a limited time.
- The vehicle must be imported within 3 months of the shipper's arrival in Romania.
- Registration requires EUR 3 Certificate

### IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES (CONTINUED):

- Any vehicle over 5 years old will be denied importation.
- **Returning Romanian Citizens** who have permission from the Romanian Ministry of Interior are allowed duty-free and tax-free importation of 2 motor vehicles (cars, boats, trucks, vans, motorbikes, etc.). The vehicles must be imported within 9 months of obtaining approval and be included with the household effects shipment. The vehicles must have been registered in the country of origin for at least 6 months prior to importation.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original invoice
- ✓ Original registration
- ✓ Certificate of ownership stating the technical specifications of the vehicle and the VIN.

### IMPORTING PETS:

- A medical inspection will be performed at the airport by a veterinarian.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ International Sanitary Pet Certificate issued in country of origin
- ✓ Pet identification book with all immunizations

**Note:** To export the pet, an examination report from the Pet Association in Bucharest (Phone: 021 615 3162) along with the papers from import will be required.

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- Corstjens Worldwide Movers Group, Romania Customs, November 2002.
- AGS Worldwide Movers (Romania), Inc. 2001
- "Household Goods Forwarders Commercial Shipment Guide", Association of America, INC. 1998

**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.**