

SPANISH CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Normal household goods are free if they have been used and owned by the shipper for a minimum of 6 months at his/her previous residence. Shipments should arrive no later than 12 months after last entry date.

For free importation of household goods to Spain the owner must supply the requested Customs documents. If at the time the goods arrive, the owner is unable to provide required documents (for example residence permit) the goods may be cleared by a bond with customs for 30% of the declared value. This bond will be returned to the customer when he/she presents the required documentation.

THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS

1. Original passport of shipper, showing last entry stamp by Police, or photocopy of same legalized form (by a Public Notary).
2. Packing list of household goods showing contents of carton, indicating make, model, and serial number of major electrical appliances, valued and signed by customer.
3. Application forms for duty-free importation, printed form available from clearing agent.
4. Ocean Bill of Lading (O.B.L.), or Air Way Bill (A.W.B.). Under marks, show name of shipper (consignee) and final destination point in Spain.

SPANISH CITIZENS:

1. Certificate of Change of Residence issued by the nearest Spanish Consulate at origin, indicating that he/she has resided abroad for a minimum of 12 months, and has cancelled his registration because of transfer to Spain.
2. Will need a Local Town Hall document certifying the new residence in Spain, for this document it is necessary that the customer be in Spain before the shipments arrival.
3. Registration with Treasury Dept.
4. Photocopy of **Valid Spanish Identity Card (DNI)**.

FOREIGN CITIZENS:

1. Will need a Local Town Hall document certifying the new residence in Spain, for this document it is necessary that the customer is in Spain before the shipment's arrival.
2. Local City or Consular certificate of Departure, obtained at Town Hall, police or other similar legal authority at origin indicating the time he has been residing there and has cancelled his registration because of transfer to Spain.
3. Residence card/work permit, issued by the Spanish Authorities. If customer is not able to provide the Residence Card, then he has to provide application for such residence card, duly accepted by local authority, plus a bond (Bank Guarantee or Cash Bond). Such bond can be recovered upon presentation of the original Residence Card, but not later than one year after the importation.
4. NIE number, obtained from police in Spain. Client needs it to register with Treasury Dept.

SECONDARY RESIDENCE

Shipper must have a house, or leasing contract, and inscription certificate from City Hall at the town of residence, if goods are imported under condition of "Secondary Residence".

The customer will need a document certifying his residence in another country outside of the European Community.

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

1. Passport of shipper, showing last entry stamp by the Police, or photocopy of same legalized form (by a Public Notary).
2. Packing list of House Hold Goods (HHG) showing contents of cartons and indicating make, model and serial number of major electrical appliances, valued and signed by customer.
3. Application forms for duty-free importation-printed form available from clearing agent.
4. Ocean Bill of lading or Air Way Bill. Under marks, show name of shipper (consignee) and final destination point in Spain.
5. Customs may ask for purchase invoices. They may instruct shipper to hand these invoices over (carry all purchase invoices), especially for electrical appliances.
6. A franchise must be obtained by the Embassy from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the import of diplomatic shipments.

VEHICLES

1. Insurance Certificate
2. Proof of Ownership. The import of a used vehicle (a privately owned automobile, trailer, camping trailer, motorcycle, recreational boat and small airplane) is permitted, provided it has been purchased under owners name at origin country for at least six months. Vehicle must bear valid licensed plates.

Vehicles will then be cleared under the conditions of a temporary import, and normally can be used with the foreign license plate for a maximum 6 months. During this period, the owner must arrange an import of the vehicle, which will then display Spanish license plates.

Import is duty-free, provided the owner takes up residence in Spain and complies with all other conditions, but subject to a 13% Registration Tax (Impuesto de Matriculación). This tax will be computed based on the present value of the vehicle, subject to a yearly reduction based on its age.

Upon import, owner must prove that he/she has paid the Value Added Tax (I.V.A.), or any similar tax at origin. If such a tax is paid at origin, and it is lower than the applicable Spanish tax, he/she will have to pay the difference.

REMARKS

Firearms, works of art, animals and plants need special permission to enter Spain, and should not be included with household goods shipments.