



# Importing Personal Property Into *Algeria*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Household goods have to be used, over 6 months old and belonging to the client.
- The shipper must be the owner of the furniture and the furniture must be at least 6 months old.

### **Notes:**

- Foreigners have to deposit an amount equal to the value of their household goods.
- Household has to be complete (at least one bed and material needed to prepare and serve meals).
- Electrical Appliances – Only one of each of the following items is duty-free: radio, TV set, record player, movie projector, sewing machine, typewriter and other electrical appliances. Please contact agent for amended details.
- Change of residence and removal has to take place in the same period of time (taking into account time needed to organize removal).
- Only 1 shipment is allowed.
- Quantity and quality of furniture must be in agreement with the social status of the shipper.
- Customer must be present at customs clearance.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Original change of residence certificate
- ✓ Valued Inventory of furniture (translated into French) signed by the shipper.
- ✓ Work contract visaed by Employer
- ✓ Resident Visa
- ✓ Bank Guarantee or Letter of Guarantee
- ✓ Invoices for all electrical appliances

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Pornographic books and magazines
- Walkie-talkies
- Drugs/ Narcotics
- Plants
- Wedding Trousseaux
- Firearms
- Explosives
- Pork products
- Alcohol and tobacco
- Political materials
- Currency and jewelry

### **RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- Agricultural products including cheese and honey.
- Luxury items including yachts, perfumes and automobiles.
- Furniture less than 6 months old
- Office furniture
- Large amounts of foodstuffs

### **DIPLOMATIC REMOVAL**

- Duty-free entry

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Franchising delivered by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Algiers.
- ✓ Inventory of furniture.

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND FIREARMS

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### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Very high customs duties will be incurred on both new and used motor vehicles.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import License for Foreigners

### IMPORTATION OF HUNTING FIREARMS:

- Duty-free importation is allowed when the hunting firearms are used.
- The firearms will be retained at customs until the documents are produced.
- Documents must be visaed by the Algerian Consulate.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Hunting permit
- ✓ Firearms acquisition certificate.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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- Muslimtrade Network, "Algeria," <http://www.muslimtrade.net/tradequideline/algeria/index.html>,
- Excess Baggage Company, "Customs Guide – Algeria," <http://www.excess-baggage.com/customs/algeria.asp>, 1997.

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.