



Importing Personal Property Into **ITALY**

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The goods have been used and in the possession of the shipper for at least 1 year and shipper has resided outside of Italy for at least 1 year
- Shipment arrives no later than 6 months from shipper's arrival date

NOTE:

A shipment may be cleared through customs without the shipper's presence if all documents are available before the arrival of the shipment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL SHIPPERS:

- ✓ Photocopy of shipper's passport with a valid visa stamp.
- ✓ Inventory, signed and in Italian
- ✓ Copy of Italian Fiscal Code (Codice Fiscale)
- ✓ Original Ocean Bill of Lading or Airway Bill

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

Italian Citizens: *Original Consular Declaration (Certificato di reimpatrio Cosolare)* from Italian Consulate indicating shipper has resided abroad for minimum of 12 months, **OR** Residency Certificate issued by City Hall in Italy. Must mention date of departure from Italy, previous country of residency and date of new residency application.

Foreign Citizens: Must follow the following steps to obtain the *Original Residency Application Receipt* (after arrival into Italy):

1. Obtain Visa prior (issued by Italian consulate abroad.)
2. Obtain Permit to Stay (Permesso Di Soggiorno) issued by Italian police after

DIPLOMATIC/OTHER SHIPMENTS:

A free entry franchise must be obtained by host Embassy from the Italian Ministry of foreign affairs for importation of *all* diplomatic shipments. Additional documents are as follows:

Italian Diplomats and Service Personnel:

- ✓ Original Telespresso Form for duty free entry.

Foreign Diplomat, Foreign Press Member & World Trade Organization staff.

- ✓ Original Telespresso – MOD. 021 Form for duty free entry.

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- All consumable goods (including alcohol)
- New furniture, new household goods, wedding trousseaux, souvenirs and precious metal objects
- Antiques, pictures, works of art, carpets etc. require Fine Arts inspection and special import permit from the Fine Arts Authorities. (Shipper must pay for this service).

Note:

Each antique item must be inventoried in detail, including value, materials incorporated, age and country of origin. Expert appraisals and/or invoices are helpful documents to submit.

- Plants and vegetable products require a Phytosanitary Certificate
- Televisions, radios and other telecommunications and entertainment devices require an original Import Authorization issued by the Telecommunications Dept. and submitted to customs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND ART

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS (CONT):

- Firearms and ammunition (including decorative weapons) are allowed only with a special permit from the Police Office. Must be clearly declared on inventory with make, type and serial number. **MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN SAME CONTAINER AS HOUSEHOLD GOODS.**

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Pornographic Material
- Tobacco products and cigarettes
- Narcotics and Non-Branded Drugs
- Animal Skins
- Alcohol
- Perfume

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Only 1 automobile per person is granted duty-free entry. Must provide proof that the automobile has been used for at least 6 months prior to arrival in Italy.
- Italian citizens must prove residence abroad for more than 18 months and motor vehicle was purchased and used abroad for at least 6 months prior to arrival in Italy.
- Vehicles imported duty free may not be sold for a minimum of one year.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

All must be ORIGINAL

- ✓ Original Ownership title
- ✓ Registration Card
- ✓ Valid Insurance Certificate
- ✓ Technical specifications of vehicle released by maker
- ✓ Certificate of Origin

*An alternative method of importing vehicles (for expatriates only) is to have them shipped under the classification of **Tourist Shipments**, so that vehicles are not cleared by the customs authority; however, they are authorized to operate for a maximum of 6 months, using foreign license plates. At the end of the 6 months the shipper must then either export the vehicle or clear the vehicle with the customs authority, and obtain an Italian license plate.*

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Pets are granted duty-free entry.
- Dogs, cats and birds only (dogs must have a leash and muzzle)
- Certificate of Origin and Health is required (*Must be in Italian and language of origin, and state characteristics of animal.*)
- Contact Italian Embassy or consulate for latest regulations and they are complicated and vary according to customer's immigration status.

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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.