



Customs Regulations applicable when Moving to Spain

Moving to Spain or for that matter any country can become difficult-unless you make yourself aware of the customs regulation details in that country. After all, you do not want your belongings to be stranded in some port in the country. In some countries especially, customs regulations can be very stringent-and you may suddenly find yourself in a puddle. **So, do your homework or call us so we can guide you on all you have to do before you move!**

The customs regulations information listed on our website have been collected from several sources including information made-available-by embassies and government websites. Please use this information as a source of general information. **Schumacher Cargo Logistics is not responsible for any unknown changes to regulations.**

Moving Household Goods and Vehicles to Spain - Customs Regulations

***NOTE: CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FORMALITIES IN THE CANARY ISLANDS MAY VARY FROM SPAIN. CUSTOMERS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE DESTINATION AGENT FOR DETAILS.**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- For the Canary Islands:
 - Passport (original) with last entry stamp by the Police or photocopy of same legalized by a Notary Public
 - Certificate of Domicile obtained from the local Town Hall (original)
 - N.I.E. Number - identification number (original) Could take 2-3 weeks to obtain
 - Flight tickets on entry (original)
 - Inventory (original) in Spanish with a valuation signed by Customer
 - Rental Contract or Escritura-Title Deed to property (original)
 - Application of Residence
- All Islands can vary in required documentation
- For Spain:
 - Passport with last entry stamp (original or copy legalized by Spanish Consulate at origin)
 - Spanish Identification Card (D.N.I.)
 - Residence Visa
 - Residence/Work Permit (original)
 - A bank guarantee is required if a Residence/Work Permit is not available. Shipment MAY be released with a deposit of a bank guarantee which must be canceled within one year
 - Certificate of Origin/Certificate of Residence Change ("Asunto Cambio Residencia"), provided by the local city hall, stating customer has resided abroad for a minimum of 12 months (EC countries for six months)
 - Residence rental/purchase agreement (legalized) showing a minimum rent of two years
 - Letter from employer stating that employee will be working in Spain
 - Consular registration
 - Fiscal identification number (N.I.E.)
 - Non-Spanish citizens must obtain a consular or residence resign at origin stating that the customer has canceled his residence at origin due to moving to Spain
 - Customs application for duty-free import
 - Letter authorizing destination agent to clear shipment
 - Detailed inventory in Spanish, valued (two copies) signed and dated by the customer, legalized by Spanish Consulate at origin and valued
 - Must show contents of cartons, state goods have not been used for more than six months and list all major appliances with make, model and serial number
 - Purchase invoice for appliances may be necessary; customer should be advised to hand carry these with them!
- Shipments NOT PROPERLY DOCUMENTED will be assessed import duties and taxes, at values determined by Spanish Customs and face lengthy delays and additional charges
- **IF CLEARANCE PROCEDURES ARE NOT INITIATED BECAUSE OF LACK OF DOCUMENTS, SHIPMENT MAY BE SUBJECT TO AUCTION BY SPANISH CUSTOMS AFTER ONE MONTH**

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

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- **SHIPMENT MUST NOT MOVE UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER AND CUSTOMER IS IN SPAIN**
- Used household goods may be duty-free if:
- Owned minimum six months (EC countries three months) prior to arrival in Spain and customer can prove ownership for this period
- Will remain in customer's possession for a minimum of one year
- The contents correspond to customer's status
- Used household goods must be imported no later than twelve months after customer has obtained a Residence/Work Permit in Spain
- Shipment must arrive no later than three months after customer; special permit necessary if shipment arrives later, resulting in ADDITIONAL CHARGES AND DELAYS

DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- New items (less than six months old)
- Tobacco products
- Foodstuff, antiques, art objects and ammunition require SPECIAL PERMIT
- Liquor

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons and ammunition (need special permit from the Spanish Police, obtained by the owner from "Direccion General de la Guardia Civil")
 - A complete description such as model, caliber, serial number, etc. are required
 - Spanish Police will retain it until final permission is granted
- Drugs
- Pornographic material
- Cleaning Fluids
- Paints

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Including motorcycles and motor scooters
- Duty-free import may be allowed for limited time (six months); import duties and taxes will be payable upon application for permanent permit
- Customer must have resided outside Spain for at least twelve months (six months for EC countries)
- Must have been used by customer minimum of six months
- Modifications that alter original design are prohibited
- Temporary permit can be obtained at Customs (valid for six months),
 - Customer must obtain Spanish Vehicle Registration within this time
- Documents required:
 - Purchase Invoice or Certificate of Ownership
 - Registration or Title
 - Circulation Permit
 - Tax Receipt
 - Liability Insurance on auto must be valid and running
 - License plates from country of origin
 - Identification Card ("Documento Nacional de Identidad")
 - Passport or Residence Card
 - Title issued under the owner's name
 - Valid Insurance
 - ORIGINALS are required for above documents

PETS

- Dogs, cats, birds, etc. allowed with Health and Vaccination Certificate (CONSULARIZED at origin) from veterinarian

NOTE - Customs regulations of Spain are subject to change at any time. The proceeding information is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to Spain (this destination) and is being provided for general guidance to assist our Agents and Customers. Since such regulations are subject to change without notice, Schumacher Cargo cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays, or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance. Always double check with your local embassy or consulate before you make your move to Spain.

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