



## Customs Regulations applicable when Moving To Italy

Moving to Italy 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 Italy - Customs Regulations

#### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Passport (copy)
- Residence Visa
- Work Permit
- Inventory in Italian, signed by Customer and Visaed by Italian Consulate
- Fiscal Number (Codice Fiscale, equivalent to an American social security number)
- Consular Declaration released by the nearest Italian Consulate, certifying the length of stay abroad, the repatriation date, the Italian nationality of the Customer, and the names of the family members (for Italian citizens only)
- Residency Certificate stating number of members in the family, nationality, city and country from which he's transferring his residence, and date of residence in Italy (for foreigners only)
- "Permesso a Soggiorno" (permit to stay) by Police Office Foreign Department

#### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- If all documents are in order and available prior to arrival of the shipment, Customer MAY NOT have to be present at time of Customs clearance
- Used household goods are usually duty-free if owned for one year, (18 months if Italian citizen), are not for resale and are imported within six months of Customer's arrival

#### DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- All consumable goods (including alcohol)
- New furniture, new household good items, wedding trousseaux, souvenirs and precious metal objects are subject to duty
- All electronic equipment (radio, TV, VCR, etc.) require an Import Permit from the Italian Ministry of Posts and Communications
  - Without an Import Permit, above items cannot clear Customs
- Antiques, pictures, works of art, carpets etc. require Fine Arts inspection and special Import Permit from the Fine Arts authorities at extra cost, payable by Customer

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, ammunition and combat knives (including ornamental weapons) can be imported with a special permit obtained from the Police Office. They must be clearly declared on the inventory with make, type and serial number, and must not be included in the same container as the household goods
- Pornographic material
- Tobacco products and cigarettes
- Narcotics and drugs
- Animal skins
- Plants and vegetable products require a Phytosanitary Certificate

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- Liquors
- Perfumes

#### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Non-Italians may import one auto duty-free, provided that proof of ownership and use for at least one year is obtained by means of Certificate of Origin
- Italian citizens must prove residence abroad for more than 18 months in order to import a vehicle. Vehicles imported duty-free must not be sold for a minimum of one year
- Importing new vehicles is discouraged
- Restrictions apply to autos over 2,000cc
- Documents required:
  - Ownership Title
  - Registration Card and manufacturer's data
  - Valid Insurance onto National Territory
  - Certificate or Card Above MUST be original documents - notarized copies are NOT accepted

#### **PETS**

- Dogs, cats and birds may be imported -Dogs must bear a leash and muzzle
- A Certificate of Origin and Health is required
- Certificate must be in Italian and language of origin and must state characteristics of the animal

**CUSTOMER MUST CONTACT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY OR CONSULATE FOR ALL FURTHER DETAILS, AS ITALIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS ARE COMPLICATED AND VARY ACCORDING TO CUSTOMER'S IMMIGRATION STATUS.**

NOTE - Customs regulations of Italy are subject to change at any time. The proceeding information is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to Italy (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 Italy.