



Moving to Greece— a guide to the documents needed

Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may only be imported into Greece duty and tax free providing they meet the criteria outlined below. The owner must be present during the customs clearance.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Greek and EU returning citizens

- Original passports of owner and all family members moving to Greece. Visa(s) if applicable.
- Inventory or packing list.
- Original Certificate of Repatriation obtained from Greek Embassy or Consulate in country of origin prior to departure. This form can only be issued once in an individual's lifetime.
- A copy of the original Bill of Lading (express release) or CMR (Consignment note).
- All household goods have to be for personal use have been owned for more than 6 months.
- Duty free importation is only permitted if the owner has lived outside the EU for 2 years or more or the new employer has a contract with the Greek government.
- An authorisation letter appointing our agent and a declaration for the Port Authorities will be required. These will be issued by the agent in Greece.
- Copy letter of employment and/or any other original documents such as utility bills proving that the customer lived for at least two years in the country of departure prior to arrival in Greece.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in Greece.

Non-EU citizens

- Original passports of owner and all family members moving to Greece. Visa(s) if applicable.
- Inventory or packing list.
- A copy of the original Bill of Lading (express release) or CMR (Consignment note).
- All household goods have to be for personal use have been owned for more than 6 months.
- Original Secondary Residence certificate from the Greek Embassy or Consulate in the origin country for duty free entry, otherwise, duty and tax will be calculated on the goods value as determined by Greek Customs.
- A bank guarantee will be required for the amount of the duty/tax calculated by customs which will be cancelled 12 months after importation.
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ALCOHOL

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into Greece. An inventory containing the type (wine, whisky etc), the bottle size, the number of bottles, alcoholic strength (abv%) and the value will be required in order for customs to calculate the duty and tax payable. Including items like these will inevitably delay customs clearance and result in considerable additional costs for the owner.

NEW GOODS

Duty and tax is payable on all items that are new or less than 6 months old. A detailed list of these items is required along with the original purchase invoices from the supplier(s). Including items like these can delay customs clearance and incur additional costs.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Drugs, tobacco products, live plants, explosive materials, stuffed animals, guns, ammunition.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

Alcohol (12 bottles), cigarettes (3 cartons), hunting weapons (authority required from Ministry of Interior).

Please ensure you forward all of the required documents to your removal company before you leave the country you are moving from. Incomplete or incorrect documents will result in delays and additional cost. Motor vehicles, inherited goods or wedding trousseau require additional documents.

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