# Moving to Portugal – a guide to the documents needed

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

### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

- Scanned colour copy of owner's passport.
- Copy of air ticket, or, the declaration must include proof of the date of arrival in Portugal.
- Inventory or packing list in Spanish.
- Certificado de Residencia obtained from Portuguese Consulate in country of origin confirming arrival date and departure date.
- Certificado de Bagagem obtained from Portuguese Consulate in country of origin.
- Copy TAX card.
- A copy of work contract in Portugal (if applicable).
- Copy proof of application for residence permit (unless already a Portuguese citizen).
- 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.
- Copy letter of employment and/or any other original documents such as utility bills proving that the customer lived for at least 12 months in the country of departure prior to arrival.
- Importation must be made within 6 months of arriving in Portugal.

#### **ALCOHOL**

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into Portugal. An inventory containing the type, 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. Spirits are prohibited. 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). Original packaging must be removed. Including items like these can delay customs clearance and incur additional costs.

## **PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Meat, milk and any by-products thereof from non-EU countries, firearms, weapons, cut and thrust weapons and any instrument without specific application and ammunition, pornographic material or objects, drugs, medicines and foodstuffs, essences for reginal wine counterfeit, systems for copying mail stamping systems, tobacco, coats and fur or leather shoes made from protected animals. Any items from endangered species unless covered by CITES certificate. Powdered milk for babies, children's food or special medical food may be imported if in sealed non-refrigerated containers. Hunting and civilian guns need proof of ownership and must be included on the Consular certificates. Check before shipment!

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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