



# Importing Personal Property Into ITALY

## 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.
- Shipper has resided outside of Italy for at least 1 year.
- The owner has 3 months, from date of leaving a foreign country, to import household goods duty-free.

### **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 valid visa stamp
- ✓ Inventory, signed and in Italian
- ✓ Copy of Italian Fiscal Code (*Codice Fiscale*)
- ✓ Original Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill

### Required Documents for Italian Citizens:

- ✓ Original Consular Declaration (*Dichiarazione Consolare di Residenza e di Rimpatrio Definitivo*) from Italian Consulate indicating duration of time shipper resided abroad, names of family members, date of departure from Italy, previous country of residency, and date of new residency application.
- ✓ Inventory in Italian, stamped by the Italian Consulate

### Required Documents for Foreigners:

- ✓ Certificate of Residence issued by municipality stating number of family members, nationality, city and country from which shipper is transferring residence, and date of residence in Italy. This document will be issued after shipper obtains the Stay Permit for Work from the police.
- ✓ Original, signed *Autocertificazione* in Italian

### 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:

### Required Documents for Italian Diplomats and Service Personnel:

- ✓ Original Telespresso Form for duty-free entry. Application to be requested 30-45 days prior to arrival of goods.

### Required Documents for Foreign Diplomat, Foreign Press Member & World Trade Organization Staff:

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

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Pornographic Material
- Narcotics and non-branded drugs
- Animal skins
- Perfume

## RESTRICTED ITEMS

- All consumable goods, including alcohol.
- Tobacco
- New furniture, new household goods, wedding trousseaux, souvenirs, and precious metal objects
- Plants and vegetable products require a Phytosanitary Certificate.
- TVs, VCRs, radios, computers, stereos, camcorders, and other telecommunications and entertainment devices require an original Import Authorization issued by the Telecommunications Dept. The payment of an Italian government tax is required before these items can clear Customs. A detailed listing of such items is recommended; be sure to include the make, model, serial number, and value of each item on this inventory. All owners of radios and TVs must pay an annual subscription (*canone TV*).
- 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.**

## MOTOR VEHICLES

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

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Original ownership title
- ✓ Original sales invoice
- ✓ Original registration certificate (even if expired)
- ✓ Original insurance certificate
- ✓ Technical specifications of vehicle released by maker
- ✓ Certificate of Origin

**Note:** 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.

## DOGS AND CATS

- Pets are granted duty-free entry.
- Cats, birds, and dogs are allowed entry. (Dogs must have a leash and muzzle.)
- Contact Italian Embassy or Consulate for latest regulations as they are complicated and vary according to customer's immigration status.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Original, signed Veterinary Health Certificate proving that pet was vaccinated for rabies, and is identifiable through a tattoo or microchip.

## ART AND ANTIQUES

- Antiques, pictures, works of fine art (paintings and sculptures), carpets, etc., require a fine arts inspection, and may incur taxes. An import permit from the Fine Arts Authorities is required. (Shipper must pay for these extra services.)
- 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.

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