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## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### FOR IMPORTS

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

##### A. Documents Required

- Original passport
- Valued inventory for Maltese Customs
- Packing list
- Copy of airway bill / original or express release bill of lading
- Letter from the employer at origin

##### B. Specific Regulations

- Letter from the employer at origin must attest the following:
  - The owner of the goods has been employed outside the European Union for a period of at least one year.
  - It must show beginning and end dates of the employment period.
  - It must explain why the owner of the goods has been transferred to Malta.
- Any other documents received from the embassy or the consulate at origin confirming that the shipper has lived outside the European Union for the past 12 months will be accepted.
- Should a deposit be required by Maltese Customs, it will be refunded directly to the owner of the goods by customs after approximately one year of living in Malta.
- All imported items must be used.
- If new items are found, customs will assess duty and VAT charges. These must be paid prior of release of goods.
- Shipment cannot be considered personal effects if goods are being returned back to Malta within 12 months of outbound date.
- Customer must be present upon shipment arrival and register at the Inland Revenue Department prior to the start of the customs clearance process.
  - Foreigners must register at the expatriates section in Block 3.
  - Returning immigrants must register at Tax Payer Services in Block 3.

**Note:** For all shipments originating outside the European Union (EU), deposits must be paid before examination of goods. Approximate deposit figures are paid to the Comptroller of Customs. They are as follows:

- € 600.00 for LCL or airfreight
- € 1170.00 for 20ft container
- € 2340.00 for 40ft container

#### MOTOR VEHICLES

##### A. Documents Required

- Original or express release bill of lading
- Original car log book
- Purchase invoice showing purchase price

### B. Specific Regulations

- The original car log book must be presented to the customs officer when processing customs documents.
- Customs can opt to make valuation of vehicle and tax and duties will be applied on the value declared by them.
- Imported used vehicles are subject to customs duty as per customs tariff and import registration fee as established by the [Malta Transport Authority](#).

### RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Food
- Alcoholic beverages
  - Duty will be assessed if more than 6 bottles are included in shipment.

### CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Important:** Check with agent prior to shipping for differences in air/sea consignment instructions.

**Recommended:** Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the airway bill / bill of lading, packing list, passport copy, and full contact details of the consignee.

### Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly "Used household goods and personal effects".
- Packing list should be in English.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the waybill, packing list, valued inventory, and shipping schedule should be sent well in advance.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons
- Firearms

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