

**Italy**

**As from April 2009**, the Sanitary Division at Italian port/airports have implemented a new requirement on all inbound shipments. Importers will need to certify that their shipments do not include any product against the mould and humidity or moisture absorbing bags.

If these were included in the shipment, this will need to be declared and declaration will need to be accompanied by analysis certificates with the composition of the product, certifying that this does not contain Dimetyl Fumarate. The certification must be provided by an accredited UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17025 Laboratory and a legalized translation into Italian language might be required. Of course, this also applies to the "anti-mould" bags/sachets that are placed in containers/lift vans by the movers to inhibit mould during transit. **It is responsibility of the origin agent to provide the required certification together with the bill of lading.**

Declaration forms will be provided by the Italian Agent.

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Removal Goods</b>	<p><b>Italian Citizen returning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Consular declaration issued by the nearest Italian consulate stating the length of the stay abroad (at least 12 months), names of family members and the returning date. This has to be accompanied by the Inventory of the goods in Italian signed by the shipper and visaed by the consulate. No values have to appear on this list.</li> <li>➤ Passport copy</li> <li>➤ Italian fiscal code</li> <li>➤ "Usmaf" Declaration (related to the anti- mould products)</li> <li>➤ <i>Autocertificazione</i> (important document which implies the penal responsibility of the owner) in which customer declares:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-his transfer of residence from abroad to Italy, the status of his family and the value of the goods and the features of the audiovisual items, if included</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Italian returning citizen will need to re-apply for residence upon return and before the arrival of the shipment at the port. A copy of the residence application might be required by the customs authorities (depending on the customs office). Some customs offices still require an original document. In case consular paperwork were not available, an Italian returning citizen will need to give evidence of the period of stay in the country where the shipment is originating from. Proof can be provided through the AIRE (Anagrafe Italiani residenti all'Estero) or submitting a declaration issued by the company the importer has worked for. In this case a copy of the residence application must be submitted.</p> <p><b>Foreign Citizen :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Copy of the residence application showing the last residence country (this has to correspond to the origin of the shipment). Customs offices require the official certificate of residence in original.</li> <li>➤ Photocopy of passport</li> <li>➤ Photocopy of the Italian fiscal code registration released by Agenzia delle Entrate</li> <li>➤ Working declaration from the Italian company the importer works for with the starting date (whenever applicable)</li> <li>➤ USMAF Declaration (related to the anti-mould products)</li> </ul>	<p>As a general rule the Italian Customs authorities grant free entry to used household removal goods and used car. A duty free importation can be allowed within 12 months from the date of residence registration in Italy.</p>	<p>Tobacco in any form, spirits, wine, food or firearms should not be included in the shipment.</p> <p>Import clearance usually takes 5 to 8 working days, depending on port of arrival/terminal.</p> <p>All audiovisual items such as TV, radio, stereo, video-recorder, DVD player and personal computers are to be listed with serial number and trademark.</p> <p>Only audiovisual sets that are marked "CE" can enter Italy. If they do not have the CE Logo, they can only enter if they were purchased before January 1996.</p> <p>Customs might inspect these items to check whether they meet requirements. Proof of purchase before January 1996 might be required.</p>

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<b>Diplomat's Removals</b>	<p>Members of the Italian Diplomatic and Consular Corps, as well as civil servants and service personnel returning to Italy on completion of their mission abroad, are exempt from all formalities other than presentation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A certificate from the Administration to which they belong (Foreign Ministry or National Defence Ministry etc.).</li> </ul>	<p>Foreign Diplomats and personnel coming to Italy to join an official international organisation will obtain the "Diplomatic Franchise" through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.</p> <p>This procedure takes from 4 to 6 weeks. Therefore pre-movement advice in order to avoid delays is advisable.</p>	Firearms should not be included in the removal.
<b>Inheritances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Translated visa-ed copy of the Will</li> </ul>	<p>Importation of such goods is authorised without production of any "Exchange Control" certificate but they are subject to normal customs duties as per tariff. Application for exemption from "Exchange Control" formalities should be made to the Ministry of Foreign Trade. Above goods can enter duty free as removals if they are used and importation is connected with a transfer of residence.</p>	
<b>New Furniture, Household Items, Presents &amp; Souvenirs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original invoices</li> </ul>	<p>In general presents and souvenirs are liable to payment of duty and VAT.</p>	<p>In case of false declarations (items declared as used while they are brand new), a fine will be assessed by customs, in addition to the payment of duties and taxes.</p>
<b>Works of Art &amp; Antiques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Detailed list and accurate description of the art pieces and antiques is required. A legalization of list from the Italian consulate at origin is advisable. 2 photos for each piece need to accompany the documentation.</li> <li>➤ Additional declarations to be provided. Forms can be supplied by the Italian agent. It is highly recommended to consult the Italian agent before packing and shipping.</li> </ul>		<p>Fine art inspection is required and this will imply additional costs as well as a delay in the customs process.</p> <p>Duties and taxes might be payable.</p>

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<b>Precious Metal Objects</b>		Objects made by silver (i.e. photo frames, cutlery, trays etc.) within a normal move of household goods are allowed duty free on the same basis and under the same conditions as furniture and other articles. For other precious metal objects, please contact the Italian agent for verification.	No particular prescriptions for the importation of silverware within a household goods removal.
<b>Radios, VCR, Stereo, Camcorders, Televisions, Computer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Importation of audiovisual appliances; which are not marked "CE" (unless purchased before 01.01.1996) is FORBIDDEN.</li> </ul>		<p>If shipments include TV, copy of the payment receipt for the TV annual subscription ("canone radio/TV") is to be submitted to the Italian customs.</p> <p>Proof of purchase for items declared being purchased before 01.01.1996 might be required. Related receipts/invoices are to be kept handy (not to be packed in the shipment).</p> <p>Audiovisual items (meeting customs requirements) are to be loaded close to container door to allow customs inspection.</p> <p>No more requirements for radios.</p>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<p><b>Returning Italian citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A consular declaration from the Italian embassy stating the length of stay abroad (non EC country for at least 12 months) and the date of return to Italy.</li> <li>➤ Copy of the residence application might be required.</li> <li>➤ Inventory list indicating truck plate, chassis, model etc. and all others relevant details.</li> <li>➤ Photocopy of the first 2 pages of Passport</li> <li>➤ Photocopy of Italian Fiscal code</li> <li>➤ Proof that the car was continuously used and owned abroad for more than 6 months and that the member had permanence abroad longer than 12 months. The car has to be mentioned with all its specifications on the Italian inventory with all details visaed and attached to the consular declaration</li> </ul> <p><b>EU Citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A declaration from the Consulate stating the length of stay in a Non EC Country (at least 12 months).</li> </ul> <p><b>Foreign citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Copy of the residence application showing the last residence country (this has to correspond to the origin of the shipment). Some customs offices still require the official certificate of residence in original.</li> <li>➤ Copy of the invoice. He must prove that the car was used at origin for at least 6 months before shipping to Italy.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Imported by Italians:</b></p> <p>Duty free entry if Italian national has had residence abroad for over 12 months, and has been in possession of the vehicle for over 6 months.</p> <p><b>Imported by Non Italians:</b></p> <p>Duty free entry if vehicle has been in possession of importer abroad for more than 6 months.</p>	<p>Vehicles must have been owned and used by the importer for more than 6 months prior to shipping to Italy.</p> <p>Vehicles cannot be sold or otherwise, disposed of for one year after date of importation.</p> <p>If the procedure to apply for residence has not been completed yet when the shipment arrives at the customs, duties and taxes will have to be paid.</p> <p>In order to nationalize the car, a Technical Data Sheet issued by the manufacturer stating car features and declaration of conformities with EU requirements will be required. Better to obtain a legalized translation.</p>

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<b>Motor Vehicles (cont.)</b>	<p><b>PLUS for Everyone:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Importer's passport copy</li> <li>➤ Importer's Italian fiscal code</li> <li>➤ Copy of the residence application showing the last residence country which must correspond to the origin where the vehicle is coming from. Some customs offices might require the original official certificate of residence.</li> <li>➤ Original title accompanied by a legalized translation into Italian done by the Italian consulate at origin (and in some countries like USA, also from the Secretary of State / Public Notary)</li> <li>➤ If title were withdrawn at origin, the above translation will still be required. Additionally, the Italian consulate will have to certify that the copy of the title is a true and accurate copy taken from the original. Local authorities will have to provide an original document stating that title has been withdrawn. This declaration will need being submitted at the customs and at the Motorization office and will have to be accompanied by an original legalized translation done by the Italian consulate at origin.</li> <li>➤ Vehicles must meet European requirements to be registered and driven in Italy or will need being converted. Conversions are not always possible thus it is highly recommended that the shipper checks this issue before exporting the car.</li> <li>➤ 2 originals will have to be obtained for each document (one original used for customs purposes and one original used for registration).</li> </ul> <p>If the vehicle cannot be imported duty free, the above documents will still be needed for clearance and for the registration process</p>		
<b>Caravans and Trailers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ See above.</li> </ul>		
<b>Plants and Vegetable Products</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Phytosanitary certificate required.</li> </ul>	<p>Normal house plants are admitted duty free as part of a removal provided a certificate of freedom from Disease is available from the authorities of the country of origin of the removal (Phytosanitary certificate) otherwise importation prohibited.</p>	<p>It is recommended that such items should not be included in removals.</p>
<b>Pets, Dogs, Cats, Birds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original international vaccination book.</li> <li>➤ Rabies vaccination certificate for dogs</li> <li>➤ Health certificate issued by the competent authorities with a validity of three days (the pet has to be imported within these 3 days)</li> <li>➤ Translated health certificate in Italian.</li> </ul>		<p>Since laws change regularly for the importation of animals, please consult as far in advance in any shipment of live animals.</p>
<b>Animals' Skins</b>		<p>Importation prohibited.</p> <p>Furs are not allowed either.</p>	

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<b>Dangerous Goods, Firearms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Firearms and ammunitions must be listed in the inventory with indication of make, type and number.</li> <li>➤ A special permit for their importation must be obtained from the Police Office (<i>Questura Centrale</i>) and from Explosives Department Office.</li> </ul>		
<b>Wine, Beverages, Alcohol and food</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ These are not to be included in the shipment with household goods.</li> </ul>		
<b>Narcotics, Drugs</b>		Importation is forbidden.	Firearms and ammunitions should not be included in the removal, but must be shipped in a separate crate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤</li> </ul>		These are subject to sanitary inspections and need to be accompanied by sanitary analysis as well as customer's declarations. Taxes and duties to be paid. Shipment of these items is highly discouraged.