

**CUSTOMS INFORMATION  
ITALY  
“DIPLOMATS”**

**1. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:**

- 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 OF ALL FORMALITIES OTHER THAN PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO WHICH THEY BELONG (FOREIGN MINISTRY OR NATIONAL DEFENCE MINISTRY ETC.).
- 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. THIS PROCEDURE TAKES FROM 4 TO 6 WEEKS. THEREFORE, PRE-MOVEMENT ADVICE IS ADVISABLE IN ORDER TO AVOID DELAYS.
- PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT 2 FIRST PAGES
- PHOTOCOPY OF ITALIAN FISCAL CODE.

**2. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS:**

- IF DOCUMENTS ARE NOT SUPPLIED V.A.T. IS APPROXIMATELY 25% OF DECLARED VALUE .
- IF DOCUMENTS ARE NOT SUPPLIED SPECIAL PROCEDURE OF TEMPORARY CLEARANCE CAN BE ARRANGED, BY PAYING DEPOSIT (OF APPROXIMATELY 25% OF DECLARED VALUE) TO THE CUSTOMS THAT WILL BE RETURN ON PRESENTATION OF COMPLETED DOCUMENTATION.
- IF ALL DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER AND AVAILABLE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF THE SHIPMENT, CUSTOMER MAY NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT TIME OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

**3. DUTIABLE AND RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- ALL CONSUMABLE GOODS (INCLUDING ALCOHOL)
- NEW FURNITURE, NEW HOUSEHOLD GOOD ITEMS, WEDDING TROUSSEUX, SOUVENIRS AND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECTS ARE SUBJECT TO DUTY.
- ANTIQUES, PICTURES, WORKS OF ART, CARPETS ETC. REQUIRE FINE ARTS INSPECTION AND SPECIAL IMPORT PERMIT FROM THE FINE ARTS AUTHORITIES AT EXTRA COST, PAYABLE BY CUSTOMER
- PLANTS AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS REQUIRE A PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

**4. PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL
- FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, NAKED STEELS
- NARCOTICS AND DRUGS
- ANIMAL SKINS

**5. MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- CERTIFICATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO WHICH THEY BELONG (AS PER HOUSE HOLD GOODS).
- PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT 2 FIRST PAGES
- PHOTOCOPY OF ITALIAN FISCAL CODE.
- ORIGINAL TITLE IN ORDER TO IMPORT THE CAR DUTYFREE. THE IMPORTER MUST BE THE OWNER OF THE TITLE FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.
- EUROPEAN RULES HAVE TO BE APPLIED.

**6. PETS:**

- ITALIAN RETURNING PETS NEED OWN PASSPORT.
- ORIGINAL INTERNATIONAL VACCINATION BOOKLET.
- RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE, VACCINATION MUST BE OLDER THAN 1 MONTH BUT NOT OLDER THAN 1 YEAR.
- HEALTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES WITH A VALIDITY OF THREE DAYS (THE PET HAS TO BE IMPORTED WITHIN THOSE 3 DAYS).
- TRANSLATED HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN ITALIAN.
- DUE TO VARYING REGULATIONS DEPENDING ON ORIGIN STATE (FOR EXAMPLE FOR SOME STATES BLOOD SAMPLES ARE REQUIRED), PLEASE CONTACT DESTINATION AGENT BEFORE SHIPPING.