



Importing Personal Property Into Bosnia & Herzegovina

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of six months and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. Client should be present during Customs clearance but it is not required so long as the Power of Attorney is in place with the Destination Agent. Please consult with your service agents prior to consigning of your shipment for any changes in Customs regulations and requirements.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Residence Visa – obtained from Foreigners’ Affairs Department of the Ministry of Security having jurisdiction over your place of residence
- ✓ Proof of Residency abroad – proof client has live abroad for at least 12 months outside of Bosnia
- ✓ Rental/Lease Agreement – 2 year minimum must be stated on contract
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – all electronics, computers etc must state make, model & serial numbers on the inventory, dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Employer Work Contract– on company letterhead; attesting to customer’s length of stay, title and specifics of occupation within the company
- ✓ Employer’s Bank Guarantee - must be for 39.2% of the declared value of the temporarily imported household goods and effect

Diplomat Status:

Required Documents:

- ✓ Tax Exemption Certificate – issued by the Bosnian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Inventory – copy, received at least one week prior to shipment’s arrival
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange Customs clearance

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Works of Art & Antiques – should be clearly marked on inventory & in the shipment
- ✓ Perfume – 1 bottle; in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Alcohol – 1 litre of wine or spirits; in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 200 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material

- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons of any kind

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated 30 days but not over 12 months prior to arrival
- ✓ International Health Certificate - issued at origin by a licensed veterinarian

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles cannot be more than 7 years old.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License (US) & International Driver's Permit

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: The maximum duration of a temporary residence permit is 12 months, with the possibility of an extension. A police certificate indicating that the applicant has no criminal record is required for this permit and should be obtained from the applicant's state of residence in the United States. Bosnia and Herzegovina does not recognize passports issued by the Former Yugoslav Federation Republic (Serbia & Montenegro), which has a red cover

Health: Immunization against hepatitis A, B, polio, tuberculosis and tick-borne encephalitis is recommended. Facilities are limited, especially outside Sarajevo and other major towns. All medical and dental care must be paid for in cash at the point of treatment.

Safety & Security: Landmines remain a problem in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The area of suspected landmine contamination is estimated at over 1482 square kilometers-- more than 2.9% of the country's territory. The de-mining community recommends staying on hard surfaced areas and out of abandoned buildings. For more information about landmines please visit the website of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Center: <http://www.bhmac.org/en/stream.daenet?kat=19>.

Currency: Bosnia and Herzegovina is still predominantly a cash economy. The convertible mark (KM), the national currency, is pegged to the euro under a currency-board regime, which guarantees its stability. All official payments must be made in convertible marks, though many private stores and service providers also accept euros. Any bank in Bosnia and Herzegovina should be able to exchange U.S. dollars into convertible marks with the usual bank commission (between 1 percent and 2 percent).

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Bosnia and Herzegovina does not require ISPM15 standards for wood packaging material (WPM).

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IATA Travel Centre

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.