



# *Importing Personal Property Into Lithuania*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

#### **Customs Regulations:**

Client's presence during Customs clearance is not required but advised. Shipments are physically inspected. 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. If 2 shipments are being sent the second shipment must arrive no later than six months after the initial shipment.

**NOTE: As of 19 August 2010 an EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number is required for all imports and exports to clear Customs in the European Union.**

The requirement was introduced by the European Commission in July 2009 to enhance security. The EORI number must be used in all electronic communications with Customs Offices and other government agencies and departments. This number is valid in all EU member states and replaces ALL Customs identification numbers including the TIN (Traders Identification Number). All business operators and private individuals not established in the EU must obtain the EORI number from the authorities in the respective EU member state wherein the client intends to operate or reside. Please consult with your Destination Agent for further details and assistance.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - Original
- ✓ Residence Visa - Original
- ✓ Work Permit/Certificate – Original, from employer
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – original, notarized
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Residence Change/Certificate – Original, issued at point of departure from local authority

#### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport - Original
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – original, notarized
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

All items on the Restricted List must be loaded near the container doors for easy access/inspection

- ✓ Books and other printed materials, CDs, DVD's, films etc require a list of titles, and name of authors for every item; must be packed separately and loaded near the container door.

**The Ministry of Information with inspect these items prior to issuing a Censorship Visa**

- ✓ Antiques
- ✓ Firearms – Only smooth-barreled hunting rifles are allowed – require a hunting permit & firearm acquisition certificate; applies to electric fishing equipment
- ✓ Electronics & appliances – subject to duty, must be loaded near the container doors for easy access
- ✓ Mobile phones – requires prior approval from the Ministry of P.T.T.
- ✓ New items – less than six months old, requires a Commercial Invoice
- ✓ Alcohol – 2 litres of wine or 1 litre of spirits over 22% - in excess of these incurs duty
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarette, 50 cigars or 250 grams of loose tobacco - in excess of these incurs duty
- ✓ Medication – requires a permit from the Ministry of Health

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and politically sensitive or subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Walkie- talkies, gambling paraphernalia

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Cats and dogs are subject to special regulations (EC) No. 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. For more information contact the nearest embassy of Lithuania. Pets may enter as passenger's checked baggage, in the cabin or as cargo.

**Prohibited:** the import of all birds, including pet birds and poultry, arriving from countries infected with Avian influenza. Certain aggressive dog breeds are also prohibited. Please consult your service agent for the latest requirements.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, at least 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate – in English & Lithuanian at least 14 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Microchip

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties. Amount to be paid depends on value, model, year, cubic centimeters and accessories. Client is allowed a three month grace period to pay Customs or vehicle must immediately be exported.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ Import License

**NOTES:**

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** All foreigners from non-European Union countries seeking entry into Lithuania must carry proof of a medical insurance policy contracted for payment of all costs of hospitalization and medical treatment in Lithuania.

**Safety & Security:** Recently, larger Lithuanian cities (Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipeda, and Siauliai) have experienced an increase in marches and public gatherings protesting the effects of the global economic downturn. While these events have been overwhelmingly peaceful in nature, U.S. citizens are reminded that even gatherings intended to be peaceful can become confrontational. Therefore, U.S. citizens are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations, if possible, and exercise caution if within the vicinity of any event. U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

**Criminal Penalties:** Penalties for possession, use, or trafficking in illegal drugs in Lithuania are severe, and convicted offenders can expect long jail sentences and heavy fines. For more information about arrest procedures in Lithuania please visit the Embassy's website.

**Health:** Tick-borne encephalitis and Lyme disease are widespread throughout the country. Those intending to visit parks or forested areas in Lithuania are urged to speak with their health care practitioners about immunization. Rabies is also increasingly prevalent in rural areas. The Lithuanian Government does not require HIV testing for U.S. citizens; however, sexually transmitted diseases are a growing public health problem

**Special Circumstances:** Lithuanian Customs Authorities may enforce strict regulations concerning the temporary importation into or export from Lithuania of items such as firearms and antiquities.

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** As a member of the EU Lithuania enforces ISPM15 regulations for wood packaging material (WPM). In addition to the implementation of treatment and marking requirements described in ISPM 15, the new EC import requirements provide that the WPM instead of being produced from debarked round wood from 1 January 2009 onward will need to be free from bark with exception for the presence of any number of individual pieces of bark. These should be either less than 3 cm in width (regardless of the length) or, if greater than 3 cm in width, of not more than 50 cm<sup>2</sup> in area. This latter free-from-bark requirement will be applicable from 1 July 2009 onward.

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Embassy of Lithuania: <http://usa.mfa.lt/index.php?115071134>

Department of State

ISPM15.com: [www.ispm15.com](http://www.ispm15.com)

IATA Travel Centre

International Moving and Logistics

**The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of posting 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.**