



Importing Personal Property Into Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic)

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are subject to a full physical inspection unless one as Diplomatic Status. After inspection Customs authority will assess values base on tariff codes, regardless of client declared value. Household goods and personal effects are subject to duties and taxes. A VAT will be levied on total shipment value based on Pro-Forma Invoice. The goods must be imported within one year. Goods cannot be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of for at least 12 months. All documents must be in English unless specified otherwise, signed by the client. All professional letters i.e. letters from employers, international organizations, agents, state agencies etc. must be on letterhead.

Returning Macedonians must show proof of living abroad for at least one year. Passport entries and letter from Employer are acceptable.

Due to constant political and economic changes in South Eastern Europe Customs requirements are frequently subject to change. Contact Destination Agent prior to arrival and upon arrival to allow for completion of and necessary paperwork due to any change in requirements or restrictions.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Entry Visa & Work Permit
- ✓ Housing Lease or Rental Contract
- ✓ Residence Permit – obtained from Ministry of Internal Affairs
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice – determines duties & VAT
- ✓ Pack List
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – original, signed,, assign low values for Customs
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Letter from Employer – on company letterhead; attesting to length of stay, position in the company
- ✓ Request for Temporary Import – issued from client’s employer in Macedonia
- ✓ Bank Guarantee – equivalent to amount of total calculated by Customs, provided by the employer
- ✓ Import Permit
- ✓ Import Release - Obtained from MFA

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, returning Macedonian diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted duty free entry of their personal effects and household.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport or Diplomatic ID - copy
- ✓ Diplomatic Protocol – obtained from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Protocol – stamped, from the Ministry of
- ✓ Pro-Forma Invoice
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original

- ✓ Pack List - copy
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – original, in Macedonian, stamped by Ministry of Foreign Affairs

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Electronics/Appliances - require a D-4 Import Permit obtained from the Ministry of Environment; Process takes 3-4 wks to approve and may still cause delays & extras charges or destruction of items. Strongly discouraged to include in shipment
- ✓ Alcohol –over 22% 1 litre allowed, under 22% 2 litres allowed duty free; in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grams of loose tobacco, are duty free in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Perfume – 50 grams only, duty free

*TV's, PC monitors must be new and LCD; discouraged not to ship due to above Electronics restrictions and possibility of destruction. Food items and pharmaceuticals must be sent separately.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Firearms, handguns, explosives, ammunitions, knives and any other weapons of any kind
- ✓ Plants & plant products –permission required
- ✓ Foodstuffs – permission required
- ✓ Refrigerators, air conditioners
- ✓ TV's and computer monitors that are not LCD
- ✓ New or used printers, projectors, fax machines,
- ✓ DVD/DVR players,

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Quarantine is not required. However if a pet looks ill or unhealthy upon examination by a Customs officer your pet will be kenneled in a government facility for 30 days.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated 30 days or more endorsed by a licensed veterinarian
- ✓ Health Certificate - endorsed by a licensed veterinarian

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles for non-diplomats and returning citizens are subject to VAT of 18%, duties between 2-4% and additional car taxes. Vehicle must be less than ten years old and owned by the client at time of importation. Must be equipped with a catalyst system.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Protocol from Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Diplomats only
- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Drivers Permit

- ✓ EUR 3 – emission standard is obligatory to import and register a vehicle
- ✓ OBL/CMR/AWB – state make, model, serial numbers, engine cc, year, number of doors

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: Macedonia requires that all foreign citizens provide proof of health insurance when entering the country. All foreign citizens must register with local police within 24 hours of arrival. If you are staying in private accommodations or renting an apartment, you should register in person at the police station nearest your place of residence, and you should be accompanied to the station by the owner or landlord of the apartment.

NOTE: A U.S. citizen who possesses more than one passport is required to leave the country with the same passport used for entry into the country. Your passport should be valid for at least three months longer than the validity of the visa. Border areas apart from designated border crossings are restricted zones. Presence in these zones is forbidden without prior official permission.

Safety & Security: US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Macedonia does not impose ISPM15 regulations wood packaging material (WPM).

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MAK Move: Skopje, Macedonia

FIDI Global Alliance

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

Macedonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://www.mfa.gov.mk/default.aspx?ItemID=282>

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.