



Importing Personal Property Into Montenegro

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. The goods must be imported within one year. Items can not be sold. A written declaration stating that the items concerned are for temporary import is required.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Lease/rental contract –
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – all electronics, computers etc must state make, model & serial numbers on the inventory, signed by owner, in
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Letter from Employer – on company letterhead; attesting to customer's length of stay, position in the company, and that employer will pay any applicable taxes or duties
- ✓ Declaration of Customer – attesting to length of stay

Returning Citizens: additional documents

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 copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory – all high-tech equipment, computers, electronics, stereos etc must state make model & serial number
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Works of Art, Paintings & Antiques
- ✓ Electronics/Appliances/Computers/Music Devices – one of each only allowed
- ✓ Firearm/hunting rifle - requires an Import Permit, only one allowed
- ✓ Sporting goods/bicycles/diving & fishing equipment etc – one each or one set each such as a pair of tennis rackets
- ✓ Plants
- ✓ New items & foodstuffs

- ✓ Alcohol – wine; 2 litres per person, spirits; 1 litre per person, in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 250 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

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 less 30 days to 11 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated no more than 5 days prior to arrival, endorsed by a Veterinarian

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are subject to tax of 10 to 50EUR depending on size. Amount to be paid depends on value, model, year, cubic centimeters and accessories.

Required Documents:

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

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: U.S. citizens with tourist, official, or diplomatic passports do not need a visa to enter and stay in Montenegro for up to 90 days. Those requiring extended stays longer than 90 days must apply for a temporary residence permit.

One is required to declare currency exceeding 2,000 Euros upon entry. At the port of entry, travelers can ask customs officials for a currency declaration form that must be completed and presented at departure. Failure to comply with these policies may result in confiscation of funds and criminal proceedings. Upon arrival you must register with the local police station (“Policijska stanica”) within 24 hours and provide your residence information.

The U.S. Department of State is unaware of any HIV/AIDS entry restrictions for visitors to or foreign residents of Montenegro.

Special Circumstances: Dual U.S./Montenegrin nationals may be subject to laws that impose special obligations on Montenegrin citizens. If you were considered a dual citizen of Montenegro and another country before Montenegro declared its independence on June 3, 2006, Montenegro still recognizes that dual citizenship. If you became a dual citizen after June 3, 2006, Montenegro will only recognize your dual citizenship if it is with a country with which Montenegro has signed a bilateral agreement. Currently, Montenegro has signed a bilateral citizenship agreement only with Macedonia, but it still abides by the bilateral consular agreement between Yugoslavia and the United States. As of August 30, 2006, Montenegrin men are no longer required by Montenegrin law to perform military service.

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. Demonstrations related to political activities, labor conditions, or sporting events are usually peaceful, though some have exhibited low levels of violence.

Crime: Residential break-ins present the greatest security concern for U.S. citizens in Montenegro; however, the frequency of these crimes is still relatively low. Violent crime is infrequent. Police have a limited ability to provide services in English. Credit card fraud and theft at ATMs is on the rise particularly during the tourist season between May and September. One should ensure that they protect their PINs at all times when using ATMs, and monitor card activity.

In Montenegro, you may be taken in for questioning if you don't have your passport with you.

Health: Many physicians in Montenegro are highly trained however hospitals and clinics are generally not equipped or maintained to Western standards. One may need to go to privately owned pharmacies in order to obtain medicines and basic medical supplies. Hospitals and private clinics usually require payment in cash for all services. Montenegro has only a small number of ambulances. As a consequence, emergency services are generally responsive in only the most severe cases. Otherwise, people must have their own transportation to hospitals and clinics.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Montenegro does not impose requirements regarding ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_2974.html

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

Montenegro Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.mip.gov.me/en/index.php/Embassies-and-consulates/>

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

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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.