



## Bringing your personal belongings to Malta from outside the European Community

This form is for you to declare your belongings to Customs and to claim any duty and tax free reliefs that may apply when you return to or transfer your normal home to the EC.

Please complete these details and use **BLOCK LETTERS**

<b>Personal details</b>	Surname	Forename (s)	Date of your arrival in Malta		
			Day	month	year
	Passport No	Date of Place of Issue			
<b>Packing details</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Packages include cases, cartons, tea chest and the like and loose cargo</li> <li>* You must attach a complete detailed packing list to this form; and number and sign each page of the list.</li> </ul>				Total number of packages containing your belongings
<b>Please read &amp; answer questions on page 2 →</b>					

### Duty and Tax relief

*Meaning of words in italics*

<p><b><i>Relief</i></b> Is freedom from paying duty and tax when you meet the relevant conditions</p>	<p>The countries of the EC are:</p> <p><i>Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.</i></p>
<p>Your <b><i>Normal Home</i></b> is where you usually live - that means where you spend 185 days or more in a period of 12 months because of your work and personal connections. But if you have no work connections or your work and personal connections are in different countries, then you usually live where your personal connections are. (However if you are a Maltese Citizen and you are working outside the EC, your <b><i>normal home</i></b> can be where you are working so long as you have lived there for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months) As an example, if you are a Maltese citizen returning with your family after working in the USA for 5 years, your <b><i>normal home</i></b> is the USA</p>	
<p>Your <b><i>belongings</i></b> are the goods kept by you or your immediate family for household or personal use</p>	
<p>A <b><i>diplomat</i></b> includes anyone who works in Malta or foreign Embassies, Consuls or High Commissions, or in association with these. Also Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff, or staff working in their support</p>	
<p>A <b><i>temporary visitor</i></b> is a person who usually lives outside the EC (or a Maltese citizen who is working outside the EC for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months) who has no intention of moving his normal home to the EC. If you are a student in the EC for full-time study, you will be treated as a temporary visitor if you do not intend to make the EC your permanent home.</p>	

\* If you are returning to or transferring your *normal home* to the EC, please complete the following

Please  tick correct box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise

<b>Returning to or transferring your normal home to the EC</b>		
<b>At the time of coming to Malta:</b>		
<p>a. Have you had your <i>normal home</i> outside the EC for a continuous period of 12 months? <i>(Note: your "normal home" is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship – see the definition on page 1 of this declaration)</i></p> <p>Please provide evidence.</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>* in which country? .....</p> <p>* how long have you lived there? .....</p> <p>* what is the date of moving? .....</p>
<p>b. Are you returning to the EC after a temporary visit outside?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>How long was your visit? .....</p> <p><i>list all goods purchased or obtained during the visit, including any obtained in a duty free shop on the way out from the EC and brought back.</i></p>
<p>a. Are you moving your normal home to the EC on marriage?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Please give date of marriage. .....</p> <p><i>(if your marriage has already taken place, please attach a copy of the marriage certificate)</i></p>
<p>d. If you are moving your <i>normal home</i> from outside the EC, do your <i>belongings</i> include any goods which you have possessed and used for less than 6 months?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>Make a list of these goods</b></p>
<p>e. Do your <i>belongings</i> include any goods obtained under a tax-free scheme and on which duty and/or tax remain unpaid?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>Please answer the following:</b></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">When you took delivery of the goods, were you?</p>		
<p>i) A diplomat?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>ii) A member of an officially recognized international organization?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>iii) Are you able to provide evidence to this?</p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>Please read &amp; answer questions on page 3 →</b></p>		

Prohibited and restricted goods include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Controlled drugs such as opium, heroin, cocaine, MDMA (Ecstasy), morphine, cannabis, amphetamines and lysergide (LSD).</li> <li>- Firearms (including gas pistols, electric shock batons and similar weapons), ammunition and explosives (including flares incorporating a barrel).</li> <li>- Indecent or obscene material featuring children.</li> <li>- Pornographic material.</li> <li>- Flick knives, butterfly knives and certain other offensive weapons and some martial arts weapons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counterfeit currency.</li> <li>- Radio transmitters (walkie-talkies, Citizen Band Radios etc) not approved for use in the Malta.</li> <li>- Meat and poultry, many other animal products.</li> <li>- Plants and plant produce including trees and shrubs, potatoes and certain other vegetables, fruit, bulbs and seeds.</li> <li>- Animals and birds, whether alive or dead (eg stuffed), parts and articles derived from protected species including furskins, ivory, reptile leather, stony corals and goods made from them.</li> </ul>
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Although this Department makes every effort to streamline and reduce procedures, importers may still have to satisfy a number of other requisites which entail calling at other Departments

Importers would be well advised to seek the services of one of the licensed clearing and forwarding agents, some of whom may also be more conversant with the clearance of house hold effects

**Warning**

**Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of goods.**


I declare that:

- \* I have read the notes on this form.
- \* All the answers given on this form, the packing list and on the continuation sheet(s) numbered ..... are true and complete.
- \* I am personally aware of what is contained in the packages totalled on the first page, and as specified on the attached packing list.

I undertake to establish my normal place of Residence in Malta within six (6) months from the transfer of my Personal Belongings.

I also undertake not to transfer, let, give as security or hire out the personal belongings, imported under Duty & Tax relief scheme, before twelve (12) months from their entry into free circulation.

Signature ..... Name .....  
In BLOCK LETTERS

Date .....  .....

Address in Malta .....

Witness to Signature ..... Name .....  
In BLOCK LETTERS

Date ..... ID No or Passport No .....

**Declaration**

This must be signed by the importer of the goods and NOT by an agent

What to do next:-

- I. Attach a detailed packing list of the goods to be imported.
- II. Submit as well any proof as stated in page 2 of this declaration.
- III. You or your agent should present this Declaration to Customs together with your passport(s)

