



Importing Personal Property into

HUNGARY

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUBMITTED:

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Valued inventory list in Hungarian. Items should be listed by category. Be sure to include the make, model and serial numbers of electrical appliances and photographs of valuable furniture, paintings, carpets, antiques, etc. The list must be signed and dated by the shipper.
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Letter from shipper's Hungarian employer verifying employment.
- ✓ Work permit
- ✓ Residence permit
- ✓ Power of Attorney in Hungarian
- ✓ Bank guarantee issued by a Hungarian bank, usually handled by the Hungarian employer

Hungarian citizens must also submit the following documents:

- ✓ "Hatósági Bizonyítvány" certificate from shipper's nearest Hungarian consulate confirming absence from Hungary for at least 2 years.
- ✓ Letter from shipper's employer certifying employment dates.
- ✓ Export documents, if applicable
- ✓ Hungarian ID – copy of page with picture and address
- ✓ Declaration of ownership for items to be imported verifying the shipper has had possession of them for at least 6 months.

- ✓ Statement from local notary at Hungarian address of registration showing that the shipper deregistered upon leaving Hungary - not required for customers who left prior to 1994.

Note: Returning Hungarian Citizens have a limited time in which they may import their used household goods / personal effects duty-free. One vehicle in the shipper's name and one vehicle in their spouse's name may be imported duty-free. Proof must be provided that employment/stay abroad has been terminated prior to customs clearance of the shipment into Hungary.

Notes:

- The shipper may receive as many shipments as necessary in Hungary. The customer has 30 days after the first shipment's arrival to present his/her Work Permit and Resident Permit, if the permits are not already issued.
- A **foreign diplomat's** inventory must be stamped by the appropriate embassy. Other documents required:
 - ✓ Stamped embassy duty-free certificate
 - ✓ Passport copy
 - ✓ Document in Hungarian granting power of attorney

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTATION OF PETS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Foodstuff is dutiable and must be of reasonable quantities for personal use.
- Wines, alcohol and spirits may be imported duty-free if it does not exceed the following quantities:
 - 1 liter of spirits
 - 1 liter of wine
 - 1 liter of champagne
 - 5 liters of beerIf alcohol exceeds the above listed quantities, then it is prohibited.
- Tobacco is duty-free if it does not exceed the following quantities:
 - 200 cigarettes
 - 50 cigars
 - 250 grams tobacco
- Perfume is duty-free in the following quantities: 250 ml eau de cologne and 100 ml perfume. Amounts in excess are prohibited.
- Plants - plant health certificate is required and duty is 8% + 25% VAT.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drugs
- Radioactive items
- Guns (police permit required)
- Any item in commercial quantities

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

- No limit. Must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- A car or motorcycle is required to have a catalytic converter.
- Vehicles must comply with EU technical standards. Usually petrol-operated vehicles manufactured after 1996 and diesel-operated vehicles manufactured after 1997 are generally compliant. However, inquiries should be made to determine compliancy, as the vehicle's condition and type are also factors. Be sure to have the vehicle's type, model, chassis number, and engine number available.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Invoice of car/motorcycle or statement by shipper confirming the value
- ✓ Bank guarantee from a Hungarian bank
- ✓ Original title of car/bike
- ✓ Power of Attorney in Hungarian (for customs clearance)
- ✓ Copy of passport, work permit and residence permit
- ✓ Copy of drivers license
- ✓ Proof of Hungarian liability insurance

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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.