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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Shipments coming from EU member countries - Household Goods & Personal Effects - regardless of client's nationality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea shipments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic or Original T2L (page 4) signed by Origin Customs or Status C Bill of lading. ▪ Packing List. ▪ OBL or Express Waybill. ▪ Original registration documents of cars, motor bikes and boats if any. ▪ Air shipments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB (must show C status). ▪ Packing List. ▪ Pre-alert (must be sent at least 48 hours before the arrival of shipment at Larnaca airport). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client must attend Limassol customs if shipping a car, bike or boat. See below information on importing cars or bikes into Cyprus. ▪ Customs Inspection: as of May 1, 2004, all shipments coming from EU countries are randomly inspected and any fees from inspection will be to client's account. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform your destination agent if the customer is importing any pianos, alcohol, shotguns or air rifles, or other abnormal items not associated with "normal" household goods and personal effects.
<p>Shipments coming from non EU Countries (Household Goods & Personal Effects only) regardless of client's nationality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sale agreement of your property sale at origin country before your move to Cyprus or termination of rental agreement at origin country. ▪ Termination of employment contract at origin. ▪ Sale agreement of your property sale at origin country before your move to Cyprus or termination of rental agreement at origin country. ▪ Termination of employment contract at origin. ▪ Bills of the house at origin, like electricity 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All shipments arriving from NON EU member countries are inspected. ▪ LCL shipments are inspected at the NVOCC depot and Air shipments are inspected at the airport. ▪ FCL shipments are inspected at the agent's warehouse or at residence by Customs officers. ▪ New items arriving from NON EU member countries are dutiable. All items owned and used for less than 6 months are considered new. This period excludes the shipping time to Cyprus. Customers must

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	<p>and phone bills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ You must provide proof of house ownership or rental agreement in Cyprus. ▪ If you will be working in Cyprus, you must provide your employment contract. ▪ Letter from employer at origin country confirming your employment there and your transfer of residence to Cyprus permanently (we can provide a sample of this letter when required). ▪ Registration of your children at local schools. ▪ Bank statement confirming you have funds in Cyprus. ▪ Original passport and presence at Customs. ▪ Packing list. ▪ OBL or Express Waybill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air shipments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as Sea from NON EU. ▪ Pre-alert must be sent at least 48 hours before the arrival of shipment at Larnaca airport. 		<p>declare new items to Customs otherwise they pay penalties as well as duties and taxes.</p>
Electrical appliances			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any appliances that do not have the CE markings on them should not be shipped to Cyprus as the Customs officials in the Republic of Cyprus may confiscate them, should they be found.
Vehicles (cars, motor bikes and off road bikes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EU ORIGIN VEHICLES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original signed (page 4) or electronic T2L OR Status C express bill of lading. ▪ Original registration of the car and or bike. ▪ Valid driving license. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CARS AND MOTOR BIKES FROM EU MEMBER STATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As of March 2019, no excise duty or VAT is applicable provided the vehicle is at least 6 months old and registered for at least 6 months at origin. There 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European or Cyprus Insurance cover. ▪ Owner's presence at Limassol customs. ▪ Purchase invoice is required if the original registration is not on the owner's name. ▪ CO2 emission certificate from the Road Transport Department in Cyprus. ▪ For brandnew cars and motor bikes, Certificate of Conformity is required. ▪ NON - EU ORIGIN VEHICLES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original registration of the car and or bike ▪ Valid driving license ▪ European or Cyprus Insurance cover ▪ Owner's presence at Limassol customs ▪ Certificate of Conformity ▪ Purchase invoice is required if client will pay duties and taxes ▪ CO2 emission certificate from the Road Transport Department in Cyprus. ▪ For brandnew cars and motor bikes, Certificate of Conformity is required. ▪ Duty and Tax: Currently duty is 10% on CIF value plus VAT currently 19% on the CIF value and duty amount. ▪ For Diplomatic cars: Exemption Certificate (Diplomatic Franchise) and Note Verbal document from the local Embassy are also required. 	<p>is no issue if the car was not owned by the importer for 6 months, but the car should be registered for at least 6 months at origin AND driven for at least 6000 kms prior to importation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no limit to the number of cars or motor bikes the importer brings provided it is within reason and for personal use only. ▪ Currently there is no limit on the age of the car/bike. ▪ CARS FROM NON- EU MEMBER STATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car must be owned by importer and used at origin for at least 6 months and driven for at least 6000 kms. ▪ The importer must be eligible for import by providing the required documents to prove transfer of residence to Cyprus. ▪ If the client is not eligible to import the vehicle (see below information on required documents for shipments coming from NON-EU countries), then the following scenarios will be applicable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One vehicle (car or bike) per family member is allowed. ▪ Vehicle under 5 years old - can import with payment of duties taxes if not eligible for import. ▪ Over 5 years - If client is not eligible to import the vehicle (car or bike), then customs will not allow for client to import the vehicle and it would have to be exported or placed into a bonded warehouse in Cyprus. Client will not be able to register the vehicle locally. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CARS & MOTOR BIKES EU OR NON-EU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bill of lading must include make and model, chassis, and engine number. A bill of lading and a T2L must have the same weight and pieces. Send both to your destination agent for their comments before issuing finals. 	
Guns / Rifles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shipper should hold a European Firearms Pass or, otherwise, must obtain an Import License from their local District Police HQ here, before the Air Rifles/Pistols arrive in Cyprus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They must be presented for registration (a registration fee is payable for each rifle/pistol) at their local police station within 48 hours of arrival of shipment and will only be released against presentation of a valid European Firearms Pass or Firearms Permit issued by the Chief of Police. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Customs Authorities will keep the guns for inspection and then released to client. ▪ Please also note that the bore of the guns should NOT exceed 0.177".
Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drugs ▪ Narcotics ▪ Pornographic material 	
Pets			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your destination agent before shipping.
Restricted Items - Alcohol & Cigarettes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In FCL containers with household goods & personal effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 12 sealed bottles are acceptable; this applies from EU and NON EU; ▪ Up to 20 open bottles are acceptable; this applies from EU and NON EU. ▪ DUTY AND VAT ON ALCOHOL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sparkling: EUR 0,32 per litre plus VAT ; ▪ Red and white wine: EUR 0,13-0,15 per litre plus VAT; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats are exempt from duty and VAT on alcohol, provided the Embassy provides them with a Diplomatic Franchise prior to arrival of shipment, otherwise same rules as above.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spirits : EUR 9.57 per anhydrite ethyl alcohol plus VAT. 	
Food		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EU and NON EU member countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reasonable amount of dry and canned food is permitted. 	
Diplomatic Shipments - From EU Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electronic or Original T2L page 4 signed by origin customs or Status C bill of lading. ▪ Packing list. ▪ Passport copy. ▪ OBL or Express Waybill. ▪ Air: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C status AWB. ▪ Packing list. ▪ Passport copy. ▪ For Cars, Bike, Motor Boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An Exemption certificate is required from the local Embassy prior to arrival of shipment at port. 		
Diplomatic Shipments - From Non EU member Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For ALL Diplomatic shipments from non EU countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ OBL (or express waybill) or AWB ▪ Packing list ▪ 1002 form stamped and signed by Embassy (your agent will provide this form) ▪ Exemption Certificate from the local Embassy will be required prior to 		

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Students bringing goods from non EU member countries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All students returning home and bringing their USED personal effects or household goods from NON EU member countries will pay duties and VAT ranging from approx. 18-33% on the current value declared to Customs. ▪ New items are dutiable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duties depend on the items being imported. 	
Additional information			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As of 1.2.2017, wharfage tax has been abolished by the port authority. ▪ Whilst all shipping lines are charging the same THC at about EUR 186 for 20' and EUR 280 for 40' and 40'HC, their local charges for their delivery order vary from one shipping line to another. ▪ THC and the delivery order charge may be included or excluded from the destination agent service charge, depending on the destination agent selected. ▪ All solid wood packing materials used as over casing, bracing or blocking must conform to EU commission directive 2004/102/EC (ISPM15) and be appropriately and clearly marked with IPPC symbol, registration & treatment codes.



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