

## Customs Regulations for Imports to Canary Islands

**VERY IMPORTANT - THE BELOW INFORMATION IS ONLY A REFERENCE GUIDE AS WE WILL ALWAYS BE SUBJECT TO THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THE STATUS OF EACH CUSTOMER – BUT ITS VERY IMPORTANT CLIENT ARRIVES TO SPAIN BEFORE SHIPMENT TO ARRANGE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS \*\***

### Documents required for SHIPMENTS from OUTSIDE Europe

Documents required for NON European SHIPMENTS:

#### From Booking Agent :

- ORIGINAL OBL or Express Release copy / AWB
- Inventory in Spanish or English signed by client,

#### From Shipper :

#### CHANGE OF RESIDENCE -

For USED household goods and personal effects

1. Clear Copy of clients Passport,
2. DNI for Spanish citizen / Residence Permit NIE Certificate (for rest of nationalities), depending on the city on the Islands – this can take more or less time, but its NEEDED to Clear Shipment, without it shipment can't come into Spain not even paying taxes.

**VERY IMPORTANT clients must make sure Residence Permit NIE or DNI if Spanish citizen, is registered/activated in HACIENDA (Tax Office) filling out Form 030 and that they provide us with the STICKERS they will receive when doing this.**

3. ORIGINAL Baja Consular or Deregistration Certificate at origin (depending on clients nationality) issued by the corresponding Consulate or Town Hall at origin which states client has been living at origin for at least the past 12 months and 1 day without interruption before exporting and is now moving to live in Spain. Its must clearly show date when they registered and date when they de-register.
4. ORIGINAL of “Certificado de Empadronamiento Histórico” = Certificate from Town Hall in Spain (showing exact date when client took residency and must not exceed 1 year)

**IMPORTANT** It must be CLEARLY MENTION "for customs purposes" (that is, "a efectos de aduana" in Spanish) and where clients is coming from and dated after origin cancellation documents, as otherwise certificate won't be valid

- **Foreigners** may also be requested a **Certificate from clients corresponding Consulate in Spain** showing client has lived abroad for more than 12 months + 1 day and is now moving their definitive residence from Origin Country to Spain. This document is not needed to Import shipment as client has 3 months from entry of shipment to arrange for it. A commitment letter must be signed in advance.

In some cases customs may require other documents proving their residency in origin during this time as for example Tax revenue certificate for the past 2 years, work contract, rental contract, etc....

**VERY IMPORTANT - Goods must be imported no later than a year after Residence Permit is obtained as well as Certificate Taken Residence and Consulate Certificate.**

- Lack of any of the above documents from list (1 to 4) will cause taxes-duties to become applicable.

#### **For USED Vehicles (Cars and Motorcycles)**

**Regulations:** The vehicle must have been in clients name for at least 6 months and 1 day OR 12 months and 1 day (depending on clients status and Customs entry in Spain) before shipping and prior the cancellation of residence at origin considering client meets rest of documents mentioned previously.

Our usual assistance is offering shipper with temporary import permit while final Registration of vehicle, payment of Traffic Tax and Change of Number plates must be arranged by client directly or via specialized broker. Also any possible conversions required to meet EU Standards if needed.

***As per new law from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012 cars and motor vehicles are IMO goods, unless the battery is disconnected and the tank is empty. Any shipment sent this way will generate extra charges not included in our rates and must be informed in advance for our approval.***

#### **Documents required:**

1. Refer to documents 1 to 4 mentioned above. If the vehicle is part of the same shipment, only one copy of documents is required.
2. Original Property Title Certificate.
3. Original Technical Card (with details about the vehicle: model, year, power, etc....).
4. Copy of the purchase invoice.

Please note customs can also ask for the proof of payment of taxes/duties paid at origin when purchased.

Clients will also need to sign a letter commitment not to sell their vehicle within a year from its import.

## **SECONDARY RESIDENCE –**

**Hhgds + effects ARE NOT DUTY FREE ANY LONGER.**

### **Final Note:**

Any deviation from the above listed requirements might result in the imposition of taxes and/or duties (aprox 7-30% over CIF value) **taking into consideration the minimum documentation required for any shipment duty free or not : DNI for Spanish and NIE Certificate for Foreigners and must be registered in Hacienda.**

Lack of documents upon arrival at port will result in high charges for demurrage and storage at your expense. We recommend reviewing documents prior sending shipment over to Spain.

*Please ensure that all documents are neatly scanned in colour and sent by email in .pdf format. Customs will not accept illegible copies or pictures of documents.*

We trust this information provides clarity on the importation process to Spain. Should you have further questions or require additional details, please feel free to contact our team.

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