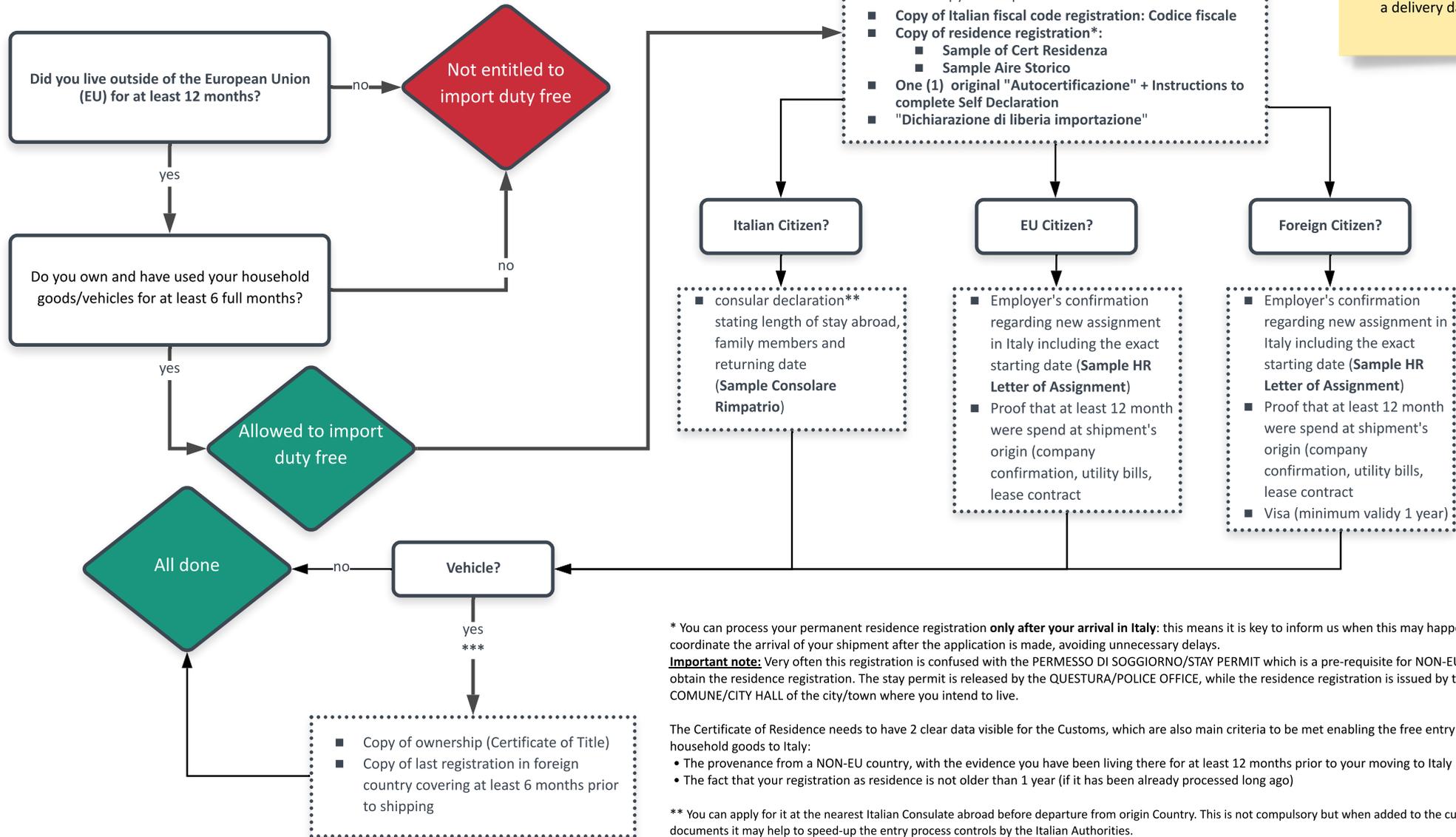


# Are you entitled to import household goods/vehicles free of duties & taxes to Italy?

**How long does the import clearance take?**

Import customs clearance starts when the container has been registered at the port of entry terminal and takes about 3-5 days. Only once shipment cleared customs a delivery date can be set



\* You can process your permanent residence registration **only after your arrival in Italy**: this means it is key to inform us when this may happen and coordinate the arrival of your shipment after the application is made, avoiding unnecessary delays.

**Important note:** Very often this registration is confused with the PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO/STAY PERMIT which is a pre-requisite for NON-EU Citizen to obtain the residence registration. The stay permit is released by the QUESTURA/POLICE OFFICE, while the residence registration is issued by the COMUNE/CITY HALL of the city/town where you intend to live.

The Certificate of Residence needs to have 2 clear data visible for the Customs, which are also main criteria to be met enabling the free entry of your household goods to Italy:

- The provenance from a NON-EU country, with the evidence you have been living there for at least 12 months prior to your moving to Italy
- The fact that your registration as residence is not older than 1 year (if it has been already processed long ago)

\*\* You can apply for it at the nearest Italian Consulate abroad before departure from origin Country. This is not compulsory but when added to the customs documents it may help to speed-up the entry process controls by the Italian Authorities.

\*\*\* In case vehicles are included as part of your removal, evidence of single ownership for at least 6 months (prior to the arrival of the vehicle to Italy) is required. Normally only one-vehicle per shipper is entitled the free entry: in case of multiple vehicles (2 cars, one car and one motorbike, etc.) customs will decide discretionally on the duty- applicability on the second-owned vehicle. Original title is often required, please make sure to keep it with you and please do not leave it in the car compartment for documents holding.

NOTE: Car needs to be matriculated with Italian plates within 6 months from import customs date, or it may be confiscated in case of a police-driving check.