

IMPORTATION OF PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS FROM NON-EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES

PROCEDURE OF: TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE

REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROCEDURE:

Requirements: Import of goods after establishing residence in Spain.

- Personal goods must have been in the possession of the person concerned, at the place of his former residence, for at least six months before the date when he ceased to have his residence in the third country.
- Personal goods will be put to the same uses at the place of the person's new residence.
- Normal residence outside the European Union during at least twelve consecutive months on the date of the change.
- Relief from duty will be granted for goods declared for free circulation within the twelve-month period counting from the date when the person concerned has established his normal residence in the Iberian Peninsula or Balearic Islands. The person concerned must have full disposability of the personal goods until the expiration of twelve months counting from the date of their declaration for free circulation.

Requirements: Introduction of goods before establishing residence in Spain

- Commitment by the person concerned to establish himself definitively in the European Union, accompanied by a guarantee. In the case of release for free circulation, the period for establishing oneself in the European Union will be six months.
- Personal goods must have been in the possession of the person concerned at the place of his former residence for at least six months before the date of introduction of the personal goods in the customs territory of the European Union.
- Personal goods will be put to the same uses at the place of the person's new residence.
- The person concerned must have full disposability of the personal goods until the expiration of twelve months counting from the date of the establishment of his normal residence in the Iberian Peninsula or Balearic Islands.
- Normal residence outside the European Union during at least twelve consecutive months on the date of the change.
- Relief from duty will only be granted for personal goods declared for free circulation, within the twelve-month period counting from the date when the personal goods are introduced in the European Union.

NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION:

In addition to the commented previously, it will be necessary to exhibit the following documents:

1. - Photocopy of the Letter of Residence:

It is usual that when a traveler arrives to Spain, does not have the Letter of Resident, which must be still transacted, taking approximately 3 months in obtaining it. In this case, the only solution is to consign a **Deposit on the Customs**, which assures, while the Letter of Resident is obtained, the duties and Taxes of the personal effects.

The percentage to guarantee through this deposit, will reach approximately to the 20.60% of the value of the households goods (value calculated by the importer according to nature and state of the cargo), then it is necessary to add the amount of the marine freight, and a small amount for the insurance, until obtaining the C.I.F. value, that is the value for the Customs.

The deposit is paid back by the Customs, when the interested party justifies the obtaining of the Letter of Resident, and the Application is submitted at the customs office of entry, for the return of this Deposit.

2.- List of the Personal Effects:

The interested party must do the relation. It can consist in a detailed list of the goods the interested party intends to import.

In some cases a description by groups can be done. Example: Furniture, articles of clothing, kitchenware, bedclothes, etc.. At the end of each group it is necessary to mark the value considered for each group and the total value.

3.- A photocopy of the owner's passport, legalized by a Spanish Consulate General, if the owner is not present at the time of the entry of the good into Spain.

4.- **Original Bill of Lading (B/L)**, when the personal effects travel by ship.