



Importing Personal Property Into Moldova

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of six months and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. Value of the shipment to be estimated by Customs Authority. Goods not exported at time of departure will incur a VAT of approximately 20%. All new items will be levied a tax of up to 15%. The goods must be imported within six months of arrival. Items can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport - original
- ✓ Moldovan Identification – returning Moldovans only
- ✓ Residence Permit or Work Permit – obtained at the Bureau of Migration, issued for up to 5 years
- ✓ Pro-forma Invoice
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original, Express Release not allowed
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – dated & signed by owner ✓ Pack list
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Letter from Employer –attesting to client's employment contract

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 15 days prior to arrival to obtain free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomat Accreditation Card – obtained from the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Passport – diplomatic, original
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory –dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

- ✓ Appliances/Electronics – must have invoices/receipts; allowed 1 each
- ✓ Prescription medications – require a health certificate
- ✓ Firearms & ammunition- requires a permit from local police
- ✓ New items – (less than 6 months) must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Watches & perfumes– 3 allowed
- ✓ Shoes – 2 pair allowed per person
- ✓ Leather goods – coats, purses, clothing – 3 each allowed per person
- ✓ Alcohol – must be sent separately
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, cigarillos or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Firearms, explosives, ammunitions and other weapons unless otherwise approved
- ✓ Antiques
- ✓ Perishable food items
- ✓ Animal products/taxidermy – furs, skins, horns. Tusks etc.
- ✓ Toxic, combustible, or corrosive materials

Consult destination agent for any additional information such as potential quarantine, breed restrictions or entry prohibition of other pets. The below documents apply to cats, dogs and birds.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, less than 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - by a Veterinarian at origin
- ✓ Certificate stating the pet is not of national value

Vehicles are subject to import duties. Amount to be paid depends on value, model, year, cubic centimeters and accessories. Vehicles over 7 years old are prohibited.

The OBL must show chassis & engine numbers, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model. Temporary import is for 1 year only and must be renewed. It can be extended each year along with the Residence Permit. Temporary Import Permits which are not renewed are turned into the Contraband/Smuggling Dept. of the Customs Office.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ OBL

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: US citizens are permitted to enter Moldova through the separatist region Transnistria. If one plans to reside in this area registration must be done within 3 days of arrival in right bank (western) Moldova at the Ministry of Information Development.

Safety & Security: US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency. Carry a copy of your passport with you at all times in the event you are stopped for questioning. U.S. citizens and members of racial minorities have sometimes been harassed, mistreated, or subjected to extortion by Moldovan police. If a policeman stops you, you have a right to see his identity card ("legiti-MAT-seeya" in Romanian). Traffic police should also display a metal badge on the outside of their uniforms. If the policeman harasses you or asks for a bribe, try to remember the official's name, title, badge number, and description, and contact the U.S. Embassy.

Crime: Foreigners rarely suffer violent assaults. Petty crime is more common. Be vigilant at ATM's, skimming devices and hidden cameras along with pick pockets can occur. Internet fraud is on the rise and phishing schemes target US bank accounts.

Currency: Moldova is generally a cash only economy. Credit cards are accepted in Chisinau, but rarely in the rest of the country.

Health: Some HIV/AIDS restrictions exist for foreign residents staying longer than 90 days. An HIV test is required when applying for a residence permit. Bring extra supplies of prescription and over the counter medications. Pharmacies are not always stocked and products are not always labeled in English. Tuberculosis is an increasingly serious health concern. Vaccination

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Moldova does not impose ISPM15 regulations and requirements for wood packaging material (WPM).

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Embassy of Moldova: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/misiunile-diplomatice-oficiile-consulare-en/>

Department of State: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/moldova.html>

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

International Association of Movers

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of publishing 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.