



## *Importing Personal Property Into Romania*

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

##### **Customs Regulations:**

All shipments are subject to inspection. The customer presence in Romania is not required upon arrival of their belongings. Used household goods and personal effects must be owned and used for at least six months are duty free if belongings are imported no more than 90 days from issuance date of the Romanian Residence ID Card. If importation occurs after 90 days duties and taxes are incurred but will be refunded at the time of exportation of the belongings out of Romania.

**NOTE: As of 19 August 2010 an EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number is required for all imports and exports to clear Customs in the European Union.**

The requirement was introduced by the European Commission in July 2009 to enhance security. The EORI number must be used in all electronic communications with Customs Offices and other government agencies and departments. This number is valid in all EU member states and replaces ALL Customs identification numbers including the TIN (Traders Identification Number). All business operators and private individuals not established in the EU must obtain the EORI number from the authorities in the respective EU member state wherein the client intends to operate or reside. Please consult with your Destination Agent for further details and assistance.

##### **Required Documents:**

- ④ Passport - copy including entry stamp
- ④ Visa – copy
- ④ OBL/AWB or CMR – with weights provided by origin Agent
- ④ Letter of Employment and copy of Employer’s fiscal code
- ④ Romanian Employer’s Registration with the Romanian Chamber of Commerce – copy
- ④ Rental Agreement - copy
- ④ Residence Permit - copy
- ④ Comprehensive Inventory - All electronics and appliances must state serial numbers, detailed description must be provided for jewelry, art, paintings, carpets & antiques (dated before 1945)
- ④ Power of Attorney – allowing Destination Agent to clear shipment
- ④ Declaration of Owner – attesting to owning his/her belongings for at least six months

##### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items. Diplomats “Cerere de Import” must state the diplomats start date, length of mission, weight and value of household goods in Romanian.

### Required Documents:

- ④ “Cerere de Import” - Certificate of Free Import, notarized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ④ Passport copy
- ④ Comprehensive Inventory - All electronics and appliances must state serial numbers, detailed description must be provided for jewelry, art, paintings, carpets & antiques (dated before 1945)
- ④ Power of Attorney – allowing Destination Agent to clear shipment

### RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ④ Perfume up to 50g and eau de toilette up to 250ml
- ④ Medicine
- ④ New items are subject to duties and VAT
- ④ Works of Art, mirrors, carpets, jewelry, antiques (dated before 1945) must have 2 photos
- ④ Alcohol - allowed to import duty free 1 litre of spirits; or 2 litres of wine not exceeding 22% & 2 litres under 22% ; in excess of this amount incurs duty & taxes
- ④ Tobacco – allowed to import duty free up to 200 cigarettes, or 100 cigarillos (max. 3g each); or 50 cigars or 250g of smoking tobacco or proportional assortment; in excess of this amount incurs duty & taxes
- ④ Coffee – up to 500g and tea up to 100g

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ④ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ④ Pornography and subversive material
- ④ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ④ Foodstuff

### IMPORTATION OF PETS

#### Required Documents:

- ④ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated at least 30 days but not more than 12 months (6 months for cats) prior to arrival
- ④ Health Certificate - dated at least 30 days but not more than 12 months (6 months for cats) prior to arrival, endorsed by a Veterinary Service at origin

### IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Customer may be required to be present during Customs clearance. Only one vehicle allowed per registered driver. Vehicles can be registered once the Residence Permit is valid.

#### Required Documents:

- ④ Title & Registration – original, must show, customer’s name, engine & chassis number
- ④ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – showing amount paid, date and place of purchase
- ④ Transportation invoice showing cost of transport

## NOTES:

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

**Visa information:** The Government of Romania is enforcing visa regulations more vigorously than in the past and a record of visa overstay can result in the assessment of large fines, temporary denial of permission to leave Romania, and the denial of future entry into Romania without a visa for a specified time. Visit the [Embassy of Romania](#) website for the most current visa information.

Foreigners are required to carry identification documents at all times in Romania. U.S. citizens who obtain a temporary or permanent stay permit must be able to present this document at the request of the appropriate Romanian authorities. Foreigners who do not have a stay permit should present their passports. The U.S. Embassy recommends carrying a photocopy of relevant identification documents at all times.

**Crime:** Credit card and Internet fraud remain among the most common crimes affecting foreigners in Romania. Money exchange schemes targeting foreigners are common. Some of these ploys have become sophisticated, involving individuals posing as plainclothes policemen, who approach the potential victim, flash a badge, and ask for the victim's passport and wallet. In many of these cases, the thieves succeed in obtaining passports, credit cards, and other personal documents.

The U.S Embassy has received reports of bar/night club scams. These scams involve unsuspecting patrons being charged exorbitant prices when they receive their bar bills. Another scam involves patrons of "adult" establishments who are charged for the female worker's drinks or time while talking to the customers. Because clubs frequently are fronts for organized crime, the U.S. Embassy recommends avoiding these establishments.

**Health:** Hepatitis A and tuberculosis occur and hepatitis B is endemic. Rare West Nile Fever outbreaks have been reported in the southeast. Brucellosis occurs sporadically although risk to the travelers is low. Stray dogs may carry African Typhus disease.

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Embassy of Romania: <http://washington.mae.ro/>

USDA: [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

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Visa HQ

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