

# Algeria Country Guide - IAM

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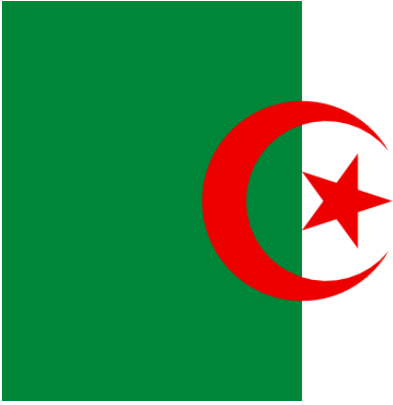
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## **Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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### **Documents Required**

- Copy of passport
- Original change of residence certificate issued in the origin country, stamped by the Algerian Consulate
- Original detailed inventory issued in the origin country, signed, valued and stamped by the Algerian Consulate
- Original certificate work delivered to the Algerian company
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Copy of resident permit / receipt of application for resident permit
- Packing list
- Contract work delivered by the Algerian company
- Diplomatic franchise
- Diplomatic card
- Copy of the Consular card (to be certified by the Algerian Consulate at origin)
- Consular deregistration certificate (from the Algerian Consulate at origin)
- Original letter from the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) requesting the owner of the goods to come back to Algeria (Algerian diplomat)
- Original exemption certificate from the Algerian MoFA (Algerian diplomat)

### **Specific Information**

- A radiation certificate from the consular services abroad must also be provided.
- Duty and tax exemption are only granted if valued inventory is less than 20,000 Euro.
- One shipment only is authorized duty free (1 by sea and 1 by air, maximum).
- All documents must be in French.
- Customer must be present for Customs purposes.
- Duty-free importation is only granted for a certain period; an extension must be applied to avoid penalties.
- Imported household goods must be re-exported when leaving the country (non-Algerians).
- Change of residence certificate must prove time abroad of at least 3 years and must be stamped by the Algerian Consulate at origin (returning citizens).
- A diplomatic franchise can be obtained by the diplomatic organization in Algiers (diplomats).

## **Motor Vehicles**

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### **Documents Required**

- Original change of residence certificate (stamped by Customs)
- Copy of diplomatic card
- Original registration card and non-sale certificate
- Valued inventory of the vehicle
- OBL
- Original value declaration for the vehicle signed and stamped (diplomats) (on diplomatic organization letterhead)
- Letter of employment from diplomatic organization (diplomats)

### **Specific Information**

- The maximum allowable engine power is 10 HP.
- Restrictions apply regarding importation of vehicles (age, power, etc.); contact agent for details.

## **Pets**

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### **Documents Required**

- Veterinary health certificate
- Vaccination record

## Specific Information

All cats and dogs imported into Algeria require a veterinary health certificate and proof that the animal is vaccinated against rabies.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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Appliances and electronics (one item each permitted duty free); invoices and receipts stating make, model and serial numbers are required on the detailed Inventory.

## Prohibited Items

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- Firearms, explosives and ammunitions
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Illegal drugs
- Precious metals
- Plant and plant products
- Pets and animals (authorization prior to import is required)
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Pornographic material
- Gold and jewelry

## Consignment Instructions

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**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

## Cultural and Other Information

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Algeria](#)

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