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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Original passport
- Packing list
- Letter of employment from origin
- Valued inventory for Maltese Customs
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)

Specific Information

- Letter from the employer at origin must attest the following:
 - The owner of the goods has been employed outside the European Union (EU) for a period of at least 12 months.
 - It must show beginning and end dates of the employment period.
 - It must explain why the owner of the goods has been transferred to Malta.
- Any other documents received from the Embassy or the Consulate at origin confirming that the owner of the goods has lived outside the EU for the past 12 months will be accepted.
- Customs deposit is required by Maltese Customs.
 - The deposit will be refunded directly to the owner of the goods by Customs after approximately 12 months of living in Malta.

- All imported items must be used.
If new items are found, Customs will assess duty and value added tax (VAT) charges, which must be paid prior to the release of the goods.
- Shipment cannot be considered personal effects if goods are being returned back to Malta within 12 months of outbound date.
- Owner of the goods must be present upon shipment arrival and register at the Inland Revenue Department prior to the start of the Customs clearance process.
 - Foreigners must register at the expatriates section in Block 1.
 - Returning immigrants must register at Tax Payer Services in Block 3.
- For all shipments originating outside the EU, deposits must be paid prior to examination of the goods.
Approximate deposit figures are paid to the Director General of Customs as follows:
 - € 600.00 for LCL or airfreight – deposit amount varies according to volume
 - € 1182.00 (minimum) for 20ft container
 - € 2364.00 (minimum) for 40ft container

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original express release / original bill of lading
- Original car log book
- Purchase invoice showing purchase price
- VEH07 and all requested documents attached
- Photos of the vehicle

Specific Information

- The original car log book must be presented to the Customs officer when processing Customs documents.
- Customs can opt to make valuation of vehicle and tax and duties will be applied on the value declared by Customs.
- Imported used vehicles are subject to Customs duty as per Customs tariff and import registration fee as established by the Malta Transport Authority.

Pets

Documents Required

- Pet passport
- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health record
- Import license issued by the Director of Veterinary Services

Specific Information

- Cats and dogs are subject to quarantine at Luqa Airport.
- The Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) allows some breeds of animals originating at qualifying countries to enter Malta without quarantine if all required criteria is met as follows:
 - Fitted with a microchip
 - Vaccinated against rabies
 - Blood tests showing adequate protection against rabies
- Pets cannot enter Malta until at least 6 months from the date the blood test shows a successful result.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Food
- Alcoholic beverages (only 6 bottles)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons
- Firearms
- Pornographic materials
- Drugs
- Live plants

Consignment Instructions

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

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Malta](#)

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