Romania Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport / Romanian ID card
- Packing list / valued inventory
- Work / resident permit
- Lease agreement / rental contract

- Letter of employment / registration certificate in Romanian
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Fiscal number and registration certificate copy of the company
- Personal declaration
- Import application
- Letter of repatriation (returning citizens)
- Delegacy from the Embassy (diplomat)
- Request for import and inventory (diplomat)

Specific Information

- If the resident permit is unavailable, a statement will be issued that the owner of the goods will obtain within 6 months.
- The personal declaration must state that the owner of the goods has owned the household goods and personal effects for at least 6 months, the goods are not intended for commercial purposes, and that the owner of the goods has lived abroad for a period of at least 12 months (template provided by agent in Romania).
- Relief is not available from import duties for household goods belonging to natural persons transferring their secondary residence in the Customs territory of Romania.
- Customs regulations in Romania are grounded on Council Regulation EEC Number 918/83.
- An owner of the goods can be admitted free of import duties and VAT if:
 - Non citizens must:
 - Transfer their main residence from another country to Romania
 - Reside outside Romania for at least 12 months
 - Goods are for personal use and cannot be sold within 2 years after Customs clearance
 - Returning citizens must:
 - Transfer their secondary residence from another country to Romania
 - Reside outside Romania for at least 12 months
 - Goods are for personal use and cannot be sold within 2 years after Customs clearance
- Import duties are charged for food, alcohol products, tobacco, and tobacco products and perfumes.
- An Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) is required for import and export of household goods and personal effects, including motor vehicles.
- Valued inventory showing serial numbers of electric appliances, photographs, including antiques and art, carpets, lamps, paintings, silver, and crystals (2 copies each) is required.
- The fiscal number and registration certificate copy of the company must be provided by the employer in Romania.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Copy of license plate certificates
- Copy of invoice
- Copy of property title
- EORI number for the owner of the goods
- Motor vehicles require the same set of documents listed for household goods as well as those listed above

Specific Information

- Vehicles can be registered with the payment of a first registration charge, which varies from a few hundred Euros (if car complies with Euro 3 standards), to thousands of Euros (if it is a non-Euro or Euro 1).
- A guarantee must be paid by the owner of the goods account for vehicle and motorcycles and will be recovered by the time the owner of the goods is moving from Romania.
- Diplomats are not charged first registration fees or duties on motor vehicles.
- Duties are charged on all imported vehicles, excluding diplomats.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Identification (microchip / tattoo)

Specific Information

- Cats and dogs are subject to Regulation No. 998/2003.
- Birds are subject to Decision No. 25/2007.
- Animals must enter Romania through Bucharest.
- Must have an anti-rabies vaccine.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

The following items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:

- Alcohol only 1 liter over 22 degrees or 2 liters below 22 degrees or 2 liters of wine
- Cigarettes only 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g of tobacco

Prohibited Items

- Illegal drugs
- Food
- Medicine
- Pornographic material
- Firearms, ammunition, explosives
- Protected species and products thereof as listed by the Washington Convention (CITES) / live plants, unless the plant has the phito-sanitary certificate

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

<u>CIA World Factbook</u> <u>Wikipedia Entry for Romania</u>