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# REGULATIONS ON HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS SHIPMENTS IN HUNGARY

#### IMPORT OF GOODS

**Non-EU citizens** There are two types of customs clearance which can be done on household goods of non-EU citizens. Definitive customs clearance with paying duties and taxes based on the value of shipment or temporary customs clearance without paying the duties and taxes, but providing guarantee for the amount of duties and taxes for the period the shipment stays in Hungary

#### List of documents required for definitive customs clearance

- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Itemized, valued inventory list in categories (type, model and serial number of electrical appliances; number of pieces of electronics, furniture, sport equipments, books, cd-s, dvd-s; customs value of each item)
- The amount of duties and taxes in cash (based on the inventory list above we will provide you with the amount)

# List of documents required for temporary customs clearance

- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Itemized, valued inventory list in categories (type, model and serial number of electrical appliances; number of pieces of electronics, furniture, sport equipments, books, cd-s, dvd-s; customs value of each item)
- Copy of flat rental contract
- Work certificate from the employer at destination
- Bank guarantee provided by the bank of client Hungarian employer which covers the amount of duties and taxes (based on your inventory list above we will provide you with the amount) or the (same) amount in cash to consume as cash deposit in the customs office



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**<u>Diplomats</u>** Diplomats may import an unlimited number of duty free shipments. They need the following documents:

- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Diplomatic protocol (in Hungarian "Vammentesitesi Kerelem")stamped and signed by the Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- inventory list stamped and signed by the Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Returning Hungarian citizens** can import household goods duty free only if they have worked outside European Union for more than 1 year. The documents required for customs clearance are as follows:

- Copy of passport
- Copy of ID card
- Copy of residence card
- Copy of tax ID card
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Signed legal statement (we will provide you with the form)
- Itemized, valued inventory list in categories (type, model and serial number of electrical appliances; number of pieces of electronics, furniture, sport equipments, books, cd-s, dvd-s; customs value of each item)
- Documents which approve that client lived outside of EU for more than 12 month (certificate from the Hungarian Consulate in original called "Hatosagi Bizonyitvany", copy of residence permit from origin country)
- Work certificate from the employer at origin

In the case that the Hungarian citizen is returning after being abroad for less than 1 year the shipment cannot be imported duty free.



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- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Signed legal statement (we will provide you with the form)
- Itemized, valued inventory list in categories (type, model and serial number of electrical appliances; number of pieces of electronics, furniture, sport equipments, books, cd-s, dvd-s; customs value of each item)
- Copy of flat rental contract
- Work certificate from the employer at destination
- Work certificate from the employer at origin
- Documents which approves that client lived outside of EU for more than 12 month (certificate from the Consulate at origin in original, copy of residence permit from origin country)

#### NOTES

Valued inventory list for items intended for temporary import should be descriptive, e.g. double bed set, wardrobe, dinning table with six chairs and etc. Home electrical and electronic appliances should be very clearly mentioned along with their serial numbers. It is also suggested to declare low value for items for temporary import. Valued inventory lists are for customs purposes and therefore the value does not have to be the same as used for insurance purposes. However, it is strictly advised not to enclose the list used for insurance purposes along with the shipping documents.



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#### **EXPORT OF GOODS**

For export customs clearance <u>individuals (non diplomats)</u> need to provide the following documents:

- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Itemized, valued inventory list in categories (type, model and serial number of electrical appliances; number of pieces of electronics, furniture, sport equipments, books, cd-s, dvd-s; customs value of each item)
- original import paperwork (for non Hungarians)
- If antiques or artwork to be exported export permit from Ministry of Culture is required (if they are listed on the temporary import customs paperwork export permit is not needed)

#### For diplomats:

- Copy of passport
- Mother's maiden name
- Signed power of attorney (we will provide you with the form)
- Diplomatic protocol (in Hungarian"Vamszemle Kerelem") stamped and signed by the Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- inventory list stamped and signed by the Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

If all the necessary documents are received customs clearance takes about one day for normal household goods and personal effects. It is possible that it could take 72 hours.

# PROHIBITED ITEMS (EXPORT - IMPORT)

Weapons of all kinds Pornography Narcotics Toxic material Radioactive material

Export of antiques, such as carpets, paintings, books, icons or any other items which is considered to be of cultural and historical value

## **IMPORT OF PETS**

Pets are permitted import into Hungary. In all cases a vet needs to examine the pet at the point of origin. After all certificates are issued the pet can be exported. Once the pet arrives at the airport in Hungary, a vet will examine the animal, check all documents, and if all is in order the pet can be released. There is no quarantine in Hungary for cats or dogs. For customs clearance we will need:

Pet passport



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The pet must be microchipped Health Certificate Vaccination certificate Ownership Papers Owner's passport copy

Power of Attorney in Hungarian permitting AES / Move One to customs clear the pet

Documents above cannot be older than 48 hours considering the departure date. Photocopies of all documents to be carrier with the shipper.

It takes one day to clear a pet coming into Hungary.

## **EXPORT OF PETS**

Leave at least a week to gather all necessary documents for the export of your pet from Hungary. The following documents are needed to export a pet from Hungary:

Pet passport
The pet must be microchipped
Health Certificate
Vaccination certificate
Ownership Papers
Owner's passport copy

Power of Attorney in Hungarian permitting AES / Move One to customs clear the pet Certificate from the district veterinarian stating that export to the destination country is possible, there are no infection risks at destination (this is needed only if the shipment goes to a non EU country)

Documents above cannot be older than 48 hours considering the departure date. Photocopies of all documents to be carrier with the shipper.

It takes one day to clear a pet coming out of Hungary.

#### A FEW PRACTICAL TIPS

To make the journey as comfortable as possible for your pet we recommend the following:

Let your pet get accustomed to the kennel before it travels. Five days is usually enough for your pet to adjust to the kennel environment.

Animals can get airsick, too. Give your pet a small meal the evening before it travels and no later than 12 hours before the flight.

Do not give your pet anything to drink within 4 hours of departure.

Make sure that your dog or cat goes to the toilet before it travels.

Fix a label with the animal's name and feeding instructions (preferably in English) on the side of the kennel.

#### IMPORT OF VEHICLES

When importing cars into Hungary, one car equipped with a catalyst can be imported duty free with the same restrictions as HHGS. Cars older than 4 year cannot be cleared duty free, unless the consignee is returning citizen. Cars with foreign license plates can be used in Hungary for 3 months. After 3 months the cars must be cleared at the customs office under temporary import. The car is then checked at the technical test station and only cars meeting the European standards can pass the technical test. Documents needed for importing a car into Hungary are:

Original registration papers for the car



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Invoice of the car or a value declaration signed by the shipper
Declaration about the make of the car and other details about the engine
Copy of passport
Copy of work and residence permit
Power of Attorney in Hungarian permitting AES / Move One to customs clear the car
Copy of driver's license
Bank guarantee

#### **EXPORT OF VEHICLES**

There are two ways of exporting vehicles from Hungary and the procedure is different for both cases. **In the first case** the vehicle can be put on a trailer or in a container. Before the vehicle can be exported it needs to be de-registered. If de-registration has not been done prior to the export of the vehicle, the client must send back the export document that was stamped at the border with the car plates and the Hungarian car papers. The following documents are needed for the de-registration:

Both car plates Original car paper Insurance contract and the slip from the last payment

Car ownership document "Jarmu torzskonyv" which only applies to cars bought in Hungary

Following the de-registration process the car must be taken for a customs inspection. It can only be inspected if it is already on the trailer or in the container. The driver of the truck exporting the vehicle must bring a TC form to be stamped by the officer at the time of export. The driver will receive a T1 and a CMR form which they will take with them to the destination country.

The second option for exporting a vehicle from Hungary involves driving the vehicle through the border. Before the process can occur, an export inspection must take place at origin. The individual driving the car out of the country must buy a forwarding bond at the time when they are entering other countries. Only one forwarding bond is needed while driving through the EU, but countries not part of the EU will require their own forwarding bond. At the time of exporting a vehicle by driving it across the border a 'Z' plate must be obtained, which is valid for 30 days. The "Z" plate can only be obtained from the central document office at 1138 Budapest, Visegradi u. 110-112. The following documents are needed to obtain a "Z" plate:

Both car plates

Original Hungarian car papers

Insurance for "Z" plates and international insurance

Original invoice or declaraton of value with a valid stamp from the customs office

Original inspection paperwork

Green card

Car ownership document "Jarmu torzskonyv" which only applies to cars bought in Hungary

Copy of client's passport

Copy of Hungarian residence permit, even if it has expired

Copy of client's drivers license

Export documents already stamped by the customs officer

In the case that the client still has their original license plates from the origin country and the registration is up to date with the origin authorities, they are able to put their origin



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plates back on the car after being exported from Hungary. Provided that the client can prove the foreign registration's validity then no duties have to be paid.

## IMPORT OF CARPETS, PAINTINGS, ART EFFECTS AND ANTIQUES

Antiques are defined as furniture over 50 years old, a painting done by a deceased artist and rugs over 50 years old. Be advised that if the painter is still alive, the artwork is not considered an antique. Items over 100 years old will be very difficult to export from Hungary unless they were well documented upon arrival.

When importing antiques and paintings to Hungary as temporary import, no special permits are needed. These items should be clearly marked on the original packing list with note to any special information about their appearance and size. This prevents any discrepancies when trying to export the goods.

If the shipper paid duties and taxes on the imported antiques to Hungary and would like to export them one day, permit from Ministry of Culture will be required for export customs clearance.

## **EXPORT OF CARPETS, PAINTINGS, ART EFFECTS AND ANTIQUES**

When exporting artwork, antiques and other items with high value then it is advised to have the receipts from the purchase of the goods. If the goods were brought into the country then you must have the original import paperwork for the high value items. Export permits are needed to take the good out of Hungary and the receipt shows the value of the item.

An export permit (Kiviteli Engedely) is obtained from the respective Hungarian museum to export the art, antiques and other artifacts. With a permit, Hungarian customs will allow for the export of the goods. It can take up to one month to obtain an export permit. Prepare well in advance so that the process can be completed for customs clearance in due time.

## IMPORT OF WINE, SPIRITS AND TOBACCO

The allowance limit for the import of wine, spirits and tobacco products for personal consumption is:

Wine: 1 liter OR
Champagne: 1 liter OR
Beer: 5 liters OR
Spirits: 1 liters OR
Liqueurs: 1 liter

Cigarettes:200 ORCigarillos:100 ORCigars:50 ORTobacco:250 grams

Excess amount brought into Hungary is dutiable.



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# **EXPORT OF WINE, SPIRITS AND TOBACCO**

The allowance limit for the export of wine, spirits and tobacco products for personal consumption is:

Wine and Champagne: 90 liters, but max. 60 liters of champaigne

Beer: 110 liters Spirits and Liqueurs: 10 liters

Cigarettes:200 ORCigarillos:100 ORCigars:50 ORTobacco:250 grams

Excess amount will be confiscated by customs during the export customs clearace.

#### CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Consignee's Name C/O Move One Ltd Rakoczi ut 70-72 H-1074 Budapest Hungary

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# **IMPORTANT**

Once the shipment is booked please fax your pre-alert to our Budapest office along with the paperwork of the shipment and full contact details of the consignee.

# **HELPFUL TIPS**

Mark the waybills very clearly "Used household goods and personal effects". Packing list should be in Hungarian.

Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.

# NOTES

As experienced in the past, the customs regulations can change at any time with or without notice. We'll do our best to up-date our valued customers and agents with such changes.

We also strongly recommend to issue all the shipping documents very carefully according to the above mentioned instructions, which we understand can be time consuming but it will definitely help you to avoid unnecessary delays and heavy storage charges.