



## Customs Guide **TUNISIA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original Passport.</li> <li>▪ Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB).</li> <li>▪ Detailed inventory of all appliances (not valued).</li> <li>▪ Original Residence Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Interior).</li> <li>▪ Original Work Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Employment).</li> <li>▪ Original ID card, if applicable (for returning Tunisian citizens, both spouses for married status).</li> <li>▪ Packing list in French (Diplomats).</li> <li>▪ Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption (Diplomats).</li> <li>▪ Authorizations issued by the Ministry of Tourism, allowing the customer to have a secondary residence (secondary residences).</li> <li>▪ Proof of purchase by the appropriate government office (secondary residences).</li> <li>▪ Sales Contract of secondary residence (second residences).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An advance copy of the OBL must be sent to the destination agent with name matching the passport exactly.</li> <li>▪ For foreign expatriates employed in Tunisia, Tunisian Customs is differentiating those working for the Export/Offshore market and those working for the local market.</li> <li>▪ For the Expats working for the Export/Offshore market goods will be cleared Duty Free on the temporary franchise basis. All items previously imported must be exported upon departure.</li> <li>▪ For the Expats working for the local market Taxes &amp; Duties will apply.</li> <li>▪ All shipments are subject to an inspection at the point of entry (POE), except diplomatic shipments.</li> <li>▪ The shipper must be present for Customs clearance, except Diplomats.</li> <li>▪ For foreign Expats entering Tunisia via employment contract, the original Work Permit is required for Customs clearance. If not available, additional port storage and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Valuable articles should be declared upon arrival to ensure re-export.</li> <li>▪ Baggage is cleared at the first airport of entry in Tunisia.</li> <li>▪ <b>Exempt:</b> passengers in transit at Tunis (TUN) to a destination outside of Tunisia, holding onward tickets.</li> </ul>

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		<p>container demurrage charges will be charged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If the property owner is unable to provide the final Residence Permit at clearance time then Customs will ask for a deposit reimbursed after production of the final document, Residence Permit / Work Permit (foreigners on employment contracts with duty-free entry).</li> <li>▪ The shipper (Diplomat) should be present in Tunisia at least 2–3 weeks prior to the shipment's arrival to be accredited by the Tunisian Government and present the Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption, which must be approved by both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs Administration. It takes approximately 1 month to be duly approved by both administrations.</li> <li>▪ For Retired People: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If shipper is the owner of his residence then Customs will ask for the Title Ownership, the residence permit and clear goods on a duty free temporary basis</li> <li>▪ If shipper is renting the place then Customs will ask for the residence permit, proof of financial resources through the local Tunisian Bank. Shipment will be subject to Taxes &amp; Duties. It is advisable to avoid exceeding the 1x20' Container volume.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The Packing List should be forwarded to the destination agent in advance with a copy of</li> </ul>	

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		the OBL in order to avoid delays.	
<b>Restricted items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Live animals – health certificate required along with complete and valid inoculations. Contact nearest embassy to obtain permission.</li> <li>▪ Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES maybe be brought in only with CITES permission.</li> <li>▪ Medication.</li> <li>▪ Local currency - Tunisian Dinar (TND) – cash import available only with permission. Contact the nearest embassy.</li> <li>▪ Foreign Currency declarable when exceeding the below amounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foreigners - the equivalent of TND 5,000.</li> <li>▪ Residents - the equivalent of TND 25,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Hunting weapons permissible only with authorisation obtainable from Ministry of Interior. Contact nearest embassy for more information.</li> <li>▪ Plants (a Phytosanitary Certificate is required).</li> <li>▪ Appliances, electronics and computers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 of each item is allowed;</li> <li>▪ make, model and serial number must be included on the detailed inventory.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ New items (dutable).</li> <li>▪ Perfumes (reasonable quantity).</li> <li>▪ Satellite receivers, faxes, walkie-talkies and telephones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to possible temporary hold by Customs these items are allowed entry only with authorization from the appropriate authorities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 100 cigarillos or 500g of tobacco.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The same restrictions on spirits and alcohol apply for diplomats. They should check their allowance with their Embassy prior to shipping.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are no information on age restrictions.</li> <li>▪ 1L of spirits (over 25% volume of alcohol) or 2L of lighter alcohol beverages (up to 25% volume of alcohol).</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic documents.</li> <li>▪ Counterfeit items.</li> <li>▪ Cultural artefacts and other objects of cultural importance.</li> <li>▪ Henna.</li> <li>▪ Palm tree and any products thereof.</li> <li>▪ Explosive material.</li> <li>▪ Illegal drugs.</li> <li>▪ Weapons, ammunition and explosives.</li> </ul>	
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate of health from veterinary authorities in the country of departure stating that no contagious diseases of animals occurred at place of origin for 6 weeks before shipment.</li> <li>▪ Cats and dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ in addition to above, a rabies vaccination certificate issued between 1 and 6 months prior to arrival is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Vaccination record.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prohibited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the breeds boerboel, pitbull, rottweiler and tosa; and falcons.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Animals subject to examination upon arrival.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Owner's Passport.</li> <li>▪ OBL.</li> <li>▪ Original Registration / Insurance certificates (in shipper's name).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shipper must be present for Customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ Vehicles are subject to inspection; report must show the engine number and type of vehicle.</li> <li>▪ The vehicle details must be stamped on the importer's Passport.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customer may temporarily drive the vehicle for a period of 3 months during clearance.</li> </ul>	



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