



Customs Guide **TUNISIA**

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

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		<p>charged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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). ▪ 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. ▪ For Retired People: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 ▪ 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 & Duties. It is advisable to avoid exceeding the 1x20’ Container volume. ▪ The Packing List should be forwarded to the destination agent in advance with a copy of the OBL in order to avoid delays. 	

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Restricted items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Live animals – health certificate required along with complete and valid inoculations. Contact nearest embassy to obtain permission. ▪ Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES maybe be brought in only with CITES permission. ▪ Medication. ▪ Local currency - Tunisian Dinar (TND) – cash import available only with permission. Contact the nearest embassy. ▪ Foreign Currency declarable when exceeding the below amounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreigners - the equivalent of TND 5,000. ▪ Residents - the equivalent of TND 25,000. ▪ Hunting weapons permissible only with authorisation obtainable from Ministry of Interior. Contact nearest embassy for more information. ▪ Plants (a Phytosanitary Certificate is required). ▪ Appliances, electronics and computers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 of each item is allowed; ▪ make, model and serial number must be included on the detailed inventory. ▪ New items (dutiabale). ▪ Perfumes (reasonable quantity). ▪ Satellite receivers, faxes, walkie-talkies and telephones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to possible temporary hold by Customs these items are allowed entry only with authorization from the appropriate authorities. ▪ 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 100 cigarillos or 500g of tobacco. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are no information on age restrictions. ▪ 1L of spirits (over 25% volume of alcohol) or 2L of lighter alcohol beverages (up to 25% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The same restrictions on spirits and alcohol apply for diplomats. They should check their allowance with their Embassy prior to shipping.

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Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics. ▪ Pornographic documents. ▪ Counterfeit items. ▪ Cultural artefacts and other objects of cultural importance. ▪ Henna. ▪ Palm tree and any products thereof. ▪ Explosive material. ▪ Illegal drugs. ▪ Weapons, ammunition and explosives. 	
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Cats and dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in addition to above, a rabies vaccination certificate issued between 1 and 6 months prior to arrival is required. ▪ Vaccination record. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the breeds boerboel, pitbull, rottweiler and tosa; and falcons. ▪ Animals subject to examination upon arrival. 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Owner's Passport. ▪ OBL. ▪ Original Registration / Insurance certificates (in shipper's name). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The shipper must be present for Customs clearance. ▪ Vehicles are subject to inspection; report must show the engine number and type of vehicle. ▪ The vehicle details must be stamped on the importer's Passport. ▪ Customer may temporarily drive the vehicle for a period of 3 months during clearance. 	



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