

Information for travellers visiting Morocco

Green Channel Red Channel

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Customs and Excise Administration

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To facilitate Customs clearance, two channels have been set up : a Green Channel and a Red Channel.

The Green Channel is the one you take if you have nothing to declare (see A).

The Red Channel is the one you take if you do have goods to declare (see B and C).

These channels are indicated by signs in the "Customs" area.

UPON ARRIVAL

A. General guidelines.

You can import free of Customs duties with no declaration or formalities :

- 1) Your personal clothing that you currently use.
- 2) Tobacco :
 - 200 grammes of manufactured tobacco intended for your personal consumption
- 3) Alcoholic beverages :
 - a one-litre bottle of wine,
 - a one-litre bottle of liqueur or other spirits.
- 4) Perfumes and eau de toilette :
 - one (150 ml) bottle of perfume,
 - one (250 ml) bottle of eau de toilette.
- 5) Souvenirs, gifts, etc., up to a total value of 2,000 Moroccan dirhams.

6) You may temporarily import items intended for your personal or professional use, such as a camera, a video camera, a pair of binoculars or a disk player. However, you must re-export these items at the end of your stay.

These measures do not concern you if you are a student or a travelling tradesperson.

B. Specific measures for travellers not residing in Morocco.

You may temporarily import items intended for your personal or professional use, such as :

- camera, video camera, pair of binoculars or disk player,
- jewellery,
- tape recorder, radio, portable television set, camera,
- typewriter or calculator, portable laptop, mobile phone,
- sports machinery and equipment,
- portable musical instrument.

You must re-export these items at the end of your stay.

If you are a Moroccan residing abroad, you may import, free of Customs duties, once every financial year, family gifts of a non-commercial nature with a total value of not more than 20,000 Moroccan dirhams.

C. Goods subject to particular formalities, namely :

- animals and animal products ➤ veterinary certificate (livestock services).
- crop products ➤ phytosanitary certificate (plant inspection departments).
- endangered species of wild fauna and flora and products obtained from such species (Washington Convention) ➤ CITES certificate issued by the Department of the National Forestry Commission.
- hunting weapons and their ammunition ➤ permit issued by the Directorate General of National Security.

- medicine :

- in small amounts for personal use ➡ submission of a “sworn undertaking” available in Customs offices, along with supporting medical documentation (medical certificate, prescription, etc.).
- other than for personal use ➡ Health Ministry authorization.

D. Prohibited goods :

The importation of the following goods is prohibited :

- arms and ammunition,
- narcotic drugs,
- writings, printed documents, recorded cassettes and video-cassettes and all items contrary to morality and public order.

E. Exchange controls :

1) Moroccan currency may be imported in amounts not exceeding 1,000 dirhams.

2) The importation of foreign currencies in the form of banknotes in amounts equal to or exceeding the exchange-value of 100,000 Moroccan dirhams is obligatorily subject to a written declaration to be submitted at the Customs office of entry.

- Residents must exchange imported foreign banknotes, whatever the amount, on the foreign exchange market or deposit them in their account in currencies or convertible dirhams, within 30 days of the date of their return to Morocco.

F. Goods originating in countries of the European Union or EFTA countries benefit from preferential advantages with exemption from the presentation of proof of origin (EUR1 or invoice declaration) provided their value does not exceed the following limits :

- for travellers’ luggage : 13,000 dirhams,
- for small shipments : 5,500 dirhams.

UPON DEPARTURE

If you do not reside in Morocco, whether you are a Moroccan citizen or not,

you may export :

✓ With no formalities :

- products of Moroccan origin (craft industry or other) acquired locally with no limitation on their value. Evidence of payment by any suitable means : exchange contract, international credit card, travellers’ cheques, etc.

- travel souvenirs,
- decorative rocks, fossils and/or stones known as semi-precious (not to exceed ten).

✓ With formalities :

Artifacts, antiques and collector’s items ➡ authorization of the department in charge of cultural affairs.

Payment methods :

1) There is a limit of 1,000 dirhams on the amount of Moroccan currency that may be exported.

2) The export of foreign currencies in banknote form by non-residents in amounts equal to or exceeding the exchange-value of 100,000 Moroccan dirhams must be justified to the Customs office of exit by presenting the declaration completed at the time of entry into Moroccan territory;

- the export of foreign banknotes by residents must be justified at the Customs office of exit.

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