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Overview

Duty-Free Eligibility

Wedding trousseaux are duty-free except for new items. Required documents: wedding certificate, original CCR, inventory in French or Arabic, proof of the spouse's residence in Morocco, Power of Attorney with legalized signature, and sworn statement (original required).

Documents

For Moroccan Nationals (Returning Residents / MRE)

- **Copy of passport with entry stamp into Morocco**
- **Original Certificate of Change of Residence (CCR), stamped by the Moroccan Consulate in the country of departure. The CCR must be on official municipal letterhead, signed and stamped. It can be obtained at most Moroccan consulates and embassies abroad. Confirm requirements with the destination agent before departure.**

- **Original attestation of definitive return from the Moroccan Embassy**
- **Detailed inventory in French or Arabic, dated, valued, and signed by the owner**
- **Packing list, detailed, dated, and signed**
- **Work contract or original attestation from a Moroccan company**
- **Salary advice for the last 2 years**
- **Sworn statement confirming goods are used (original required), with Power of Attorney bearing a legalized signature. The template for the sworn statement is provided by the Moroccan destination agent.**
- **Exemption certificate, if applicable**
- **Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB)**
- **Signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items**

For Foreign Citizens

- **Copy of passport in colour, including the page showing first entry into Morocco**
- **Original Certificate of Change of Residence, issued by the police or the owner's Embassy in Morocco**
- **Resident permit / work permit / letter of employment**
- **Detailed inventory in French or Arabic, dated, valued, and signed by the owner**
- **Packing list, detailed, dated, and signed**
- **Sworn statement confirming goods are used (original required), with Power of Attorney bearing a legalized signature**
- **Original OBL / Express Release / AWB**
- **Invoices for electrical and hi-fi appliances, and any items purchased within 6 months prior to import**
- **Signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items**

For Diplomats

- **Franchising letter delivered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rabat (in French)**
- **Inventory in French or Arabic, stamped by the diplomatic entity**
- **Copy of passport**
- **Power of Attorney on diplomatic entity letterhead, stamped**
- **Sworn statement on diplomatic entity letterhead, stamped**

- **Verbal note from the diplomatic entity**

Household Goods — Specific Information

Inheritance follows the same duty-free conditions as removal goods, with a notary act identifying the deceased and the heir's family relationship, a notary-issued inventory, and a copy of the heir's passport.

Used household goods and personal effects may be imported duty-free provided they have been in the owner's possession and use for a minimum of 6 months and the applicable exemption documentation has been obtained. New articles are subject to Moroccan import duties and taxes, which can be approximately 50% of assessed value depending on the item category. All documents must be express-mailed to the destination agent at least 15 days prior to shipment arrival to allow time to apply for the duty-free exemption.

If goods are shipped in two separate consignments, the second shipment must arrive no later than 6 months after the first.

Antiques and works of art are duty-free when used and forming part of removal goods, but require a detailed valued inventory and an authorisation issued by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Container inspection: All containers are systematically inspected by Moroccan Customs. Electrical and household appliances should be placed near the container doors for ease of access by inspectors. Media such as DVDs, CDs, and digital storage devices will also be inspected and must be easily identifiable.

Currency declaration: Foreign nationals carrying the equivalent of 100,000 MAD (approximately USD 10,000) or more in cash or bearer instruments must declare this to Customs on arrival. The declaration must be retained to justify the origin of funds on departure. It is valid for one stay only, for a period of up to 6 months.

ISPM 15: All wooden packing materials must comply with ISPM 15 phytosanitary standards and bear the appropriate mark. Confirm current requirements with the destination agent, as enforcement can vary by port of entry.

Prohibited / Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from import into Morocco:

- Narcotic drugs and controlled substances
- Pornographic materials of any kind. Possession, distribution, or importation is illegal under Moroccan law.
- Drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The importation of drones has been prohibited since March 2015 and applies to all consumer and recreational drones regardless of size or weight. Drones detected at Customs will be confiscated. A deposit fee may allow recovery of the device on departure if declared upon entry. Professional productions may apply for a special import permit, which typically takes approximately 40 days to obtain. *(Permit Required)*
- Books, magazines, or printed materials that are pornographic, politically hostile to the Moroccan Kingdom, or Islamophobic
- Maps depicting the southern provinces of Morocco as a separate territory will be confiscated
- Used tyres
- Used clothing (commercial quantities)
- Rugs similar to those produced domestically (commercial quantities) *(Permit Required for exceptions)*
- Explosives and related materials *(Permit Required)*
- Firearms not meeting the restricted hunting weapon criteria *(Permit Required)*
- Endangered species and products derived from CITES-listed wildlife *(CITES)*

Restricted / Dutiable Items

New articles included in a removal shipment are subject to Moroccan import duties and taxes (approximately 50% of assessed value, depending on category). New articles require a separate invoice and packing list.

Alcohol (fond de cave): Alcohol included as part of a removal must be noted as "fond de cave" on the packing list and must appear to have been purchased prior to the move (bottles should not be in new, unopened outer cases). Allowances by importer status:

- Foreign nationals: up to 25 to 30 bottles total (15 opened bottles plus 15 unopened bottles)
- Diplomats: up to 19 boxes of alcohol (each box containing 6 or 12 bottles)

Hunting arms and ammunition: Smooth-barreled hunting weapons may be imported duty-free as part of removal goods when used and accompanied by a hunting permit and firearm acquisition certificate. If documents are not present at inspection, firearms will be retained by Customs until the required permits are obtained. Firearms and ammunition must be easily identifiable and

placed near the container doors.

Cellular and satellite communication equipment: Mobile phones, cordless telephones, fax machines, and satellite walkie-talkies require a declaration and certificate to be submitted to the ANRT (Agence Nationale de Reglementation des Telecommunications). Confirm current procedures with the destination agent prior to shipping.

Tinned food and pet food: Small quantities admitted as part of removal goods. Customs may request laboratory analysis from the Ministry of Agriculture, which adds time and cost. It is advisable to minimise these items in shipments.

Medicine: Personal-use quantities are admitted. A medical certificate and prescription should accompany any medication. Quantities beyond personal use require prior authorisation from the Ministry of Health.

Antiques and works of art: Duty-free when used and forming part of removal goods, subject to a detailed valued inventory and authorisation from the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

Books, records, and cassettes: Admitted without a separate list requirement.

Vehicles

Vehicle Documents

- **Original title certificate / registration card**
- **Copy of passport in colour**
- **Purchase invoice**
- **Original OBL / AWB. The OBL must state the engine number, chassis number, and weight of the vehicle.**

Specific Information

Age restriction (non-diplomats): Vehicles must generally be less than 5 years old to qualify for permanent import. Vehicles 5 years or older cannot be imported permanently. They may be admitted on a temporary basis for a period not exceeding 6 months per calendar year, after which the vehicle must be exported.

Permanent import duties: For non-qualifying importers, combined duties and taxes can approach 50% of the vehicle's assessed value. The Morocco-US Free Trade Agreement (in force since 2006, tariff phase-down completed 2021) provides preferential rates for qualifying US-origin vehicles. Confirm the applicable rate with a licensed Moroccan customs broker before purchase

and shipment.

MRE (Moroccan Residents Abroad) returning permanently: Qualifying Moroccan nationals who have lived abroad for at least 2 years may receive a 25% reduction on the assessed vehicle value, effectively treating the vehicle as 3 years older and reducing applicable duties. Retired MREs aged 60 and over may qualify for a 90% tax reduction, with the maximum eligible vehicle age extended from 5 to 10 years. The retired owner must be present in the vehicle upon import. Eligibility criteria and required documentation should be confirmed with the Moroccan Consulate in the country of origin before shipping.

Diplomats: Diplomatic vehicles of any age may be imported duty-free with the franchising letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Diplomatic vehicles must be exported upon the owner's departure from Morocco.

Vehicle registration: A valid Carte de Sejour (residency permit) is required to register a vehicle in Morocco in the owner's name. Foreign nationals without legal residency cannot register a vehicle locally.

Driving licence: Foreign licences are valid in Morocco for up to 1 year. After that, the holder must either exchange their licence (if Morocco has a bilateral recognition agreement with the issuing country) or retake the Moroccan driving test. Morocco has exchange agreements with Spain, Italy (updated 2024), and several other countries. Confirm current agreement status with the destination agent or Moroccan traffic authority.

Electric and hybrid vehicles: Fully electric vehicles are currently exempt from VAT and customs duties. Hybrid vehicles may benefit from reduced duty rates. Confirm current rates with a customs broker.

Document timing: All vehicle documents must be received by the destination agent at least 1 month prior to shipment arrival to avoid demurrage and storage charges due to lengthy Customs procedures.

Pets

Requirements

- **ISO-compatible microchip (ISO 11784/11785 standard, 15-digit). The microchip must be implanted before the rabies vaccination. If implanted after, the vaccination is not valid for import purposes. Tattoo identification alone is not accepted.**

****Dogs and Cats****

- **Rabies vaccination certificate.** The vaccination must be administered after microchip insertion, and must be current. All cats and dogs over 3 months of age must be vaccinated for rabies between 30 days and 12 months prior to entry. Multi-year rabies vaccinations are accepted only if administered within 12 months of import.

****Dogs and Cats****

- **International veterinary health certificate, issued within 10 days of import.** Documents should be in French or Arabic, or accompanied by a certified translation. For US-origin shipments, the certificate must be issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian and endorsed by APHIS.

****Dogs and Cats****

- **Copy of owner's passport**

****Dogs and Cats****

- **Import permit from ONSSA (Office National de Securite Sanitaire des Produits Alimentaires),** obtained before travel. The permit application requires a current residential address in Morocco, valid ID, and full vaccination documentation. Allow at least 8 to 12 weeks before the intended travel date to complete the process.

****Dogs and Cats****

- **Vaccination record**

****Birds****

- **Veterinary health certificate**

****Birds****

- **Authorization from the Ministry of Health (required for all birds, including falcons and hawks).** This process can be complex and slow; confirm requirements with the destination agent well in advance.

****Birds****

- **Phytosanitary certificate.** The issuing authority is reported to be slow and the process complex. Importing plants as part of a removal is generally not recommended.

****Plants****

Specific Information

Important note for US-origin shipments: Morocco is classified as a high-risk country for dog rabies under US CDC regulations. Owners departing from the United States with dogs must complete all CDC-required documentation before leaving the US, as it cannot be issued retroactively. Contact a USDA-accredited veterinarian or the CDC well in advance of travel.

The microchip must be implanted before the rabies vaccination. This sequencing is mandatory. If the rabies vaccination was administered before microchipping, the sequence must be restarted.

Dogs must be at least 6 months old at the time of entry. Cats and dogs under 3 months of age are not eligible for rabies vaccination and cannot be imported until the minimum age and vaccination conditions are met.

Wolf hybrids, Savannah cats, and Bengal cats (unless 5th generation or more removed from wild pedigree) cannot be imported under standard regulations. Confirm with ONSSA for any specific breed restrictions.

Pets are inspected by ONSSA on arrival. A missing or non-compliant document can result in the animal being denied entry or held pending resolution. Obtaining the ONSSA import permit before departure is the most frequently missed requirement.

Morocco is a rabies-endemic country. Rabies vaccinations should be kept current throughout the owner's stay. Flea and tick prevention is essential. Veterinary services are available in major cities, with the best facilities in Casablanca and Rabat.

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea / road shipments.

Inventory preparation: All inventories must be in French or Arabic, dated, valued in a specified currency, and signed by the owner. A separate packing list must also be detailed, dated, and signed. A signed customer declaration regarding prohibited items is required.

Document lead times: Household goods documents must be express-mailed to the destination agent at least 15 days before shipment arrival. Vehicle documents must be received at least 1 month before arrival. Missing these deadlines risks storage and demurrage charges and delays in clearance.

Container inspection: All containers are systematically inspected by Moroccan Customs. Electrical appliances and high-value items should be placed near the container doors. Media (DVDs, CDs, digital storage) will be inspected and must be easily identifiable.

Unpredictable expenses: Port and airport taxes are payable upon collection of personal effects. Storage and demurrage accrue quickly if documentation is incomplete or delayed. Canned and pet food may be subject to agricultural ministry laboratory analysis at the importer's cost. New items in a shipment are subject to duties that cannot be waived.

Principal ports of entry: Casablanca (primary seaport), Tangier Med, and Agadir by sea; international airports in Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakech, and Fes. Confirm routing and port clearance procedures with the destination agent.

Cultural & Other Information

Morocco is a constitutional monarchy in northwestern Africa, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea to the west and north, Algeria to the east, and Mauritania to the south. It is the only African country with coastlines on both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. The capital is Rabat; Casablanca is the largest city and principal commercial hub. Arabic and Tamazight (Berber) are the official languages; French is widely used in business, government, and professional contexts. The currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

Morocco has pursued significant economic development including manufacturing, logistics, renewable energy, and tourism. It signed a Free Trade Agreement with the United States in 2006 and has association agreements with the European Union. Business is conducted primarily in French and Arabic. Ramadan significantly affects working hours and social norms during the holy month. Religious observance, dress standards, and local customs should be respected, particularly in traditional areas and medinas.

Reference Links

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- [Moroccan Customs — Administration des Douanes et Impots Indirects](#)
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- [Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests](#)
- [Ministry of Transport and Logistics](#)
- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates](#)
- [FIDI Import Customs Guide — Morocco \(December 2023\)](#)

Quick Links & Resources

- [Find Movers in Morocco \(IAMX\)](#)
<https://iamovers.mobilityex.com/index.html#/search?loc=Morocco&lat=34.0209&lng=-6.8416&range=50&assocs=800&fvw=c&ctry=Morocco>

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