

# Spain

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**Ports:** Algeciras, Barcelona, Bilbao  
**Prohibited:** None  
**Cont:** None

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** 1) Passport of shipper, showing last entry stamp by the Police, or photocopy of same legalized by a Notary Public. 2) Packing list of household goods showing contents of cartons and indicating make, model, and serial number of major electrical appliances. 3) Customs may ask for purchase invoices. Instruct shipper to hand carry all purchase invoices, especially for electrical appliances. 4) Ocean Bill of Lading (OBL) or Air Way Bill (AWB). Under marks, show name of shipper (consignee) and final destination point in Spain. 5) Application form for duty-free importation, which is available from your Destination Agent. 6) A franchise must be obtained by the Embassy from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the import of diplomatic shipments.

**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:**

**Remarks:**

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** Special permits from the Police.

**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:**

**Remarks:** Should not be included with household goods shipments.

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Customs Regulations:** Normal household goods are free if they have been used and owned by the shipper for a minimum of 6 months before departure from his previous residence (EEC countries are for only 3 months). Shipments should arrive not later than 12 months after last entry date.

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**Remarks:** Moderate quantities of food can be included with household goods. Spanish Citizens must have Certificate of Change of Residence issued by Spanish Consulate at origin, indicating that he has resided abroad for a minimum of 12 months (EEC Countries for 6 months). Foreign citizens must have a residence/work permit. Shipper must have a house, or leasing contract, and inscription certificate from City Hall at the town of residence, if goods are imported under

condition of 'Secondary Residence.' If document requirement for foreign citizens can not be provided, the shipment can be imported under a bond, and with a temporary import license. Such bond (bank guarantee) can be recovered upon presentation of the correct document, but not later than 12 months after such temporary import.

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:** (1) Insurance Certificate (2) Proof of Ownership

**Customs Regulations:** The import of a used vehicle (a privately owned automobile, trailer, camping trailer, motorcycle, recreational boat and small airplane) is permitted, provided it has been purchased under owners name at origin country for at least six months. Vehicle must bear valid license plates. Vehicle will then be cleared under conditions of a temporary import, and can normally be used with the foreign license plate for a maximum of twelve months. During this period, the owner must arrange for an import of the vehicle which will then carry Spanish license plates. Import is duty-free, provided the owner takes up residence in Spain and meets all other conditions, but subject to a 13% Registration Tax ("Impuesto de Matriculacion"). This tax will be computed based on the present value of the vehicle, subject to a yearly reduction based on its age. Upon import, owner must prove that he has paid the Value Added Tax (IVA) or any similar tax at origin. If such tax paid at origin is lower than the applicable Spanish tax, he will have to pay the difference.

**Clearance:**

**Remarks:**

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