

A CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR TRAVELLERS



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GREEN CHANNEL

NOTHING TO DECLARE

For Travellers:

- With no luggage;
- With luggage within the limits of the Customs duties and allowances;
- Transporting goods which circulation is not prohibited or restricted.

RED CHANNEL

GOODS TO DECLARE

- For **Travellers** who are not in green channel's conditions. In case of doubt please use the red channel.
- Members of the Crew and Staff.





Travellers: Any person entering or leaving national territory.



Customs allowances: Exemptions from import customs duties, applicable to goods of no commercial value carried in the travellers personal luggage.



Tax-free: Exemptions from VAT and excise duties applicable to goods carried in travellers' personal luggage.



Personal luggage: It is the luggage the traveller presents to Customs on arrival, as well as any goods subsequently presented provided such goods were registered as accompanied luggage, by the responsible transport company on departure.



Food (or foodstuff): Any substance or product, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be, or reasonably expected to be ingested by humans.



Feed (or feedingstuff): Any substance or product, including additives, whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed, intended to be used for oral feeding to animals.



Pet animals: Animals which are accompanying their owners or a natural person responsible for such animals on behalf of the owner during their movement and are not intended to be sold or transferred to another owner. They can only be introduced in the EU territory at "Travellers Points of Entry".



Travellers point of entry: any area designated by Member States for the purposes of the documentary and / or identity checks.



Imports of no commercial value: Imports, intended solely for the personal use of the traveller or for family use or intended as gifts, provided these are not of a type or in sufficient quantity for no commercial resale.



Luggage check: Customs control of goods carried by travellers in their luggage. Selection is made on a random basis. It is the responsibility of the traveller to present their luggage and its contents for checking, whenever so requested.



Flat-rate duty: Customs duty will be charged at the flat rate of 2,5% on the overall value of the goods, provided this amount does not exceed 700 €.



Third country: A country that is not a member of the European Union.



Member States of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Slovenia, Slovakia, Sweden, The Netherlands.



CITES: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Washington Convention), which entered into force on 1 July 1975, currently covering around 180 countries, whose aim is to ensure that trade in animals and plants does not threaten their survival in the wild. The subsequent Union legislation, in particular Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of wild fauna and flora species, by regulating trade therein, determines that species listed in the annexes of the above-mentioned Regulation are subject to licensing, meaning that its importation and exportation are subject to the issuing of permits/authorizations. Also, Regulation (EC) No 865/2006, which lays down rules concerning the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 338/97, specifically about applications, their models and technical characteristics.

It is also prohibited, or subject to the previous issue of an official permit/authorization, the exhibition for commercial gain, the sale, the possession and transport for sale or purchase of any specimen of a species included in that Convention and Union legislation.



Cash: All travellers entering or leaving the EU with 10.000 € or more in cash must declare the sum to customs.

Maximum quantity of goods carried in a traveler's personal luggage exempt from customs duties and further taxes:

GOODS	TAX-FREE		
	CUSTOM ALLOWANCE	Excise Duties	
		Travellers from third countries	VAT, Excise Duties Travellers from third countries
Tobacco (*) Cigarettes	200 units	200 units	800 units
or Cigarrillos, Cigars of max. weight 3 g each	100 units	100 units	400 units
or Cigars	50 units	50 units	200 units
or Smoking tobacco	250 g	250g	1Kg
Alcohol and alcoholic beverages (*) Spirits or strong liqueurs exceeding 22% volume	1 litre	1 litre	10 litres
or Intermediate products	2 litres	2 litres	20 litres
Table wines	4 litres	4 litres	90 litres (**)
Beer	16 litres	16 litres	110 litres

(*) Or a proportional assortment of these various products.

(**) At most 60 litres of sparkling wine.

Other tobacco products – tax free (excise duties), contained in travellers' luggage from third countries, third territories and from EU Member States:

GOODS	TAX-FREE EXCISE DUTIES
Snuff	250g
Chewing tobacco	250g
Heated tobacco	20g
Liquid in containers used for loading and refilling electronic cigarettes (disposable or refillable)	30ml



Medicines: Quantity required solely for personal needs, together with the respective medical prescription.



As regards luggage:
No exemption is granted on tobacco and alcoholic beverages carried by **travellers under 17 years** of age travelling from third countries.

The amount of tobacco imported by the **crew** has other limits of exemption.

OTHER GOODS

Travellers from third countries are allowed to import duty and tax free other goods carried in their personal luggage without commercial value, provided the total value does not exceed:



- 300 € for road and railway traffic travellers and private vessels and aircraft travellers;
- 430 € for air and sea traffic travellers;
- 150 € for travellers under 15 years of age;
- 200 € for crew members.

PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED GOODS



The importation of certain goods shall be prohibited or restricted (e.g. drugs, drugs precursors, radioactive products, offensive weapons, firearms, explosives and ammunition, counterfeit goods, protected species of plants and animals, as well as parts and derivatives, food, products of animal origin, plant products, fruits and seeds, no commercial value pet animals and its feeding).

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OTHER INFORMATION

Read more at [Portal das Finanças: \(www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt\)](http://www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt):

- The Tax Agenda ([Agenda Fiscal](#));
- Leaflets ([Folhetos Informativos](#));
- Frequently Asked Questions ([Questões Frequentes – FAQ](#));
- The webpage [Tax System in Portugal](#).

CONTACT

- The electronic customer service [e-balcão](#), at [Portal das Finanças](#);
- Tax and Customs Call Centre ([Centro de Atendimento Telefónico – CAT](#)), through the telephone number (+351) 217 206 707, every working day from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- A Local Tax Office ([Serviço de Finanças](#)) (you can schedule an attendance by appointment / [atendimento por marcação](#)).

This leaflet does not exempt you from consulting the legislation in force