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FOREIGNERS VISITING MOROCCO

DO NOT IMPROVISE YOUR GOING THROUGH CUSTOMS, PREPARE IT IN ADVANCE

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UPON YOUR ARRIVAL IN MOROCCO

When you arrive in Morocco at land border checkpoints, in a port or at an airport, there are two separate customs lanes:

The «green» lane should be used if you have nothing to declare and the «red» lane when you have goods to proclaim.

To facilitate going through customs, we recommend that you take certain precautions before arriving to Morocco.

Currencies and other means of payment

The import of remote cash in banknotes and/or bearer negotiable instruments by foreigners visiting Morocco is free; however, it is subject to an obligatory declaration when their equivalent value is equal to or greater than 100.000 MAD.

This declaration must be kept to justify to customs departments at the exit the origin of the currencies in banknotes and/or bearer negotiable instruments. It is valid only once (one stay) and for a period prior to 6 months.

The registration of the import declaration is optional for amounts less than the equivalent value of 100.000 MAD to justify, where applicable, the origin of the currencies at the exit.

«Bearer negotiable instruments» means travelers' checks, bank checks, promissory notes and money orders which are either to the bearer or in which the name of the payee has not been indicated.

Important

The compulsory declaration of remote cash must be registered during customs control on arrival. No later declaration will be accepted.

Personal effects and objects

As travelers visiting Morocco, you can import without having to pay taxes and duties at the entry, and without any declaration or customs formalities:

- Your personal effects and objects in use actually carried by yourself.
- Perfumes and toilet water
  - a bottle of perfume (150 ml),
  - a bottle of cologne (250 ml).
- Alcoholic drinks
  - one (1) liter bottle of wine,
  - a bottle of spirits of one liter or another alcohol of the same capacity.
- Tobacco
  - 200 grams of manufactured tobacco.

Medications

Medications that you import for personal use are admitted free of duties and taxes and do not require prior authorization from the Ministry of Health.

However, at the time of import of these medications, it is necessary to produce in addition to the required documents (medical certificate, prescription, ...), a commitment to use them only for personal use and to re-export the unused remainder at the end of your stay.

Objects of non-commercial nature

As a traveler visiting Morocco, you are allowed to bring back from abroad, without customs formalities or payment of import duties and taxes, objects in limited quantity and without commercial nature within the limit of a global value of 2.000 MAD.

Outside these tolerances, any other imported goods will be subject to the payment of the corresponding duties and taxes and the fulfilment, if necessary, of the formalities provided for by the regulations other than customs regulation.

In this case, a receipt of payment of duties and taxes will be given to you by the customs department concerned.

Companion animals

Pets must be accompanied, on importation, by health documents drawn up 3 days before boarding and justifying that they are free from diseases specific to the species, issued by the official health authorities of the exporting country.

On arrival in Morocco, they will be subject to veterinary health control, operated by the veterinarian, under the National Office of Sanitary Safety of Food products (ONSSA), responsible for the border post. Their admission will be authorized by customs departments after the production of the veterinary inspection certificate issued by the responsible veterinarian.

For further information in the subject, you may contact the aforementioned office at the following address : www.onssa.gov.ma

Food products

Processed and manufactured food products are exempted, from fraud control when they are imported for personal consumption.

On the other hand, natural or fresh products of animal origin remain subject to this control.

Plant Products

Their admission is subject to the presentation of a phytosanitary certificate issued by the competent departments coming under the ONSSA.

Hunting weapons

Their importation is subject to the presentation of an authorization issued by the National Security (Police) departments.

Endangered species

Their importation is subject to the presentation of a certificate «CITES[1]» issued by the department in charge of Waters and Forests.

[1] Cites : Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

Unmanned flying machines (Drones)

Importation by private individuals of unmanned, engine-powered and remote-controlled flying machines, such as drones and scale models of aircraft, under the temporary admission regime **is strictly prohibited.**

Failure to declare these machines to customs service entails their confiscation and the payment of a penalty in accordance with the regulations in force.

In addition, imports for sale of drones are subject to the production of an import licence issued by the Department of Foreign Trade.

Goods whose importation is prohibited

- Weapons and ammunition,
- Narcotics,
- All writings, printed matter, recorded cassettes and videocassettes and objects contrary to good morals and public order.

Motor vehicles

Motor vehicles imported by foreign tourists not residing in Morocco are admitted under the temporary admission regime for a maximum of six (06) months. At the end of this period, the vehicle must be re-exported or cleared for home use under the regulatory conditions in force.

Means of transport admitted under the temporary admission regime

- Private passenger vehicles including rental cars or taxis registered abroad in a normal or temporary series ;
- Motor vehicles such as van, small van, pickup truck used for tourist stays ;
- Camping car ;
- Scooters registered, motorcycles with or without a sidecar with an engine displacement of more than 50 cm^3.

Documents to be produced to benefit from the temporary admission of means of transport

The following documents must be sublitted to customs agent:

- The original title deed of the vehicle (the registration certificate) ;
- Passport ;

- A power of attorney from the vehicle owner in case this vehicle belongs to a third person. This power of attorney must be either legalized by the local authorities abroad or stamped by a Moroccan consulate in the country of residence ;

- The rental agreement specifying the approval of the rental company that the vehicle in question be introduced in Morocco.

Preliminary steps and authorization for temporary admission

For the temporary admission of motor vehicles, no prior formalities are required before arrival at the port of entry.

Temporary admission (TA) of motor vehicles is handled directly on the computer system of Customs and Excise Administration by customs services on board vessels making crossings to Morocco or at entry offices on the basis of the above-mentioned documents presented by the traveller.

In the event of eligibility for the TA regime, customs services shall issue travellers with a printed document from the computer system for presentation at any check on national territory.

Commitments of the beneficiary of the temporary admission regime

As a beneficiary of the temporary admission regime for a vehicle, you are required:

- to regularize the customs situation of your vehicle within the prescribed period;

- to use your vehicle for your personal needs: unless authorized by Customs and Excise Administration, the vehicle admitted temporarily to Morocco can not be made available to third parties, nor lent, nor assigned or used for lucrative purposes under pain of prosecution.

Emergency return

If for health, family or professional reasons, you are required to return urgently abroad without your vehicle temporarily introduced in Morocco, Customs gives you the opportunity to deposit, without customs seal, the said means of transport in your personal garage or public garage of your choice.

When you leave Morocco, you must contact the customs services to sign a commitment to regularize the situation of the vehicle at a later date (the printout of which is provided by Customs or downloaded from the Internet portal www.douane.gov.ma).

The re-exportation of the vehicle must take place before the date of expiry of the period granted for temporary admission.

Vehicle declared stolen

In case of theft of your vehicle admitted under the temporary admission regime, you remain liable for the duties and taxes payable thereon.

To deal with this situation, you can take out, at the border with a company approved by the competent authority, an insurance policy, delegated on behalf of Customs and Excise Administration, covering duties and taxes in case of theft or other incident preventing its re-exportation. The payment of the amounts payable will, in this case, be borne by the insurer.

Pleasure boats

Pleasure boats temporarily imported by recreational boaters who are habitually resident abroad are admitted under the temporary admission regime for a maximum of six (06) months to be consumed continuously or fractionally during a calendar year.

However, this period is fixed at eighteen (18) months if your boat is intended to stay in a marina.

At the end of the period of stay, your boat must leave the national territory to overseas in order to benefit from a new stay in Morocco.

During the period of stay, the boat may be used by the beneficiary of the temporary admission, or immobilized under the responsibility of the company managing the marina which is authorized for this purpose.

List and contact information of marinas managers licenced for the immobilization of pleasure boats

MARINA	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE/FAX/MAIL
Marina Smir	Km 25, road to Tétouan Sebta ; port of Marina Smir - Mdiq - Tétouan	Phone : 0539 97 72 51/52/54 Fax : 0539 97 72 55 Mail : portmarinasmir@hotmail.fr
Marina Kabila	Km 20, road to Tétouan Sebta ; port of Marina Kabila - Mdiq - Tétouan	Phone : 0539 97 75 66 Fax : 0539 66 67 57 Mail : kabilaport@gmail.com
Royal Yachting Club of Mdiq	Fishing port of Mdiq - Tétouan	Phone : 0539 97 56 59
Atalayoune north marina	Atalayoune city - 62000 Nador	Phone : 0536 33 24 04 0536 33 23 99
Marina of Bouregreg	Fès Avenue, Rmel Bab Lamrissa neighborhood - 11150 Salé	Phone : 0537 84 99 00 Fax : 0537 78 58 58 Mail : marinabouregreg@gmail.com
Marina of Agadir	Harbour master's office August 20th Avenue - 80000 Agadir	Phone : 0528 84 37 00
Marina of Saidia	Seaside resort, Saidia	Phone : 0536 62 47 93/94 Fax : 0536 62 47 95 Mail : marina@sdsaidia.ma

Formalities relating to pleasure boats

At the first port of entry, once you arrive as a recreational boater living abroad, and at the latest within 24 hours, you are required to go to customs office at the entry port to pick up your vessel on the administration's computer system and issue a temporary admission document for your vessel. In addition, when entering any port, you will have to prove your identity and also that of other passengers and you will have to present the boat's papers, including:

- Nationality certificate ;
- Title deed ;

- A legalized power of attorney or rental agreement in the case where the boat is imported by a person other than the owner ;
- The list of passengers ;
- The list of ship's stores ;
- The certificate of seaworthiness ;
- The registration certificate issued by the foreign authorities (navigation license).

It should be noted that on each entry or exit from the port, customs service will render its services, on the basis of the documents and information provided by you, a fact sheet on the movements of your pleasure boat.

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As a non-resident in Morocco, you are required to declare and justify to customs office of exit the origin of your currencies in banknotes and/or bearer negotiable instruments whose equivalent value is equal to or greater than 100.000 MAD. As proof, you can submit the customs declaration that you have registered upon your arrival in Morocco, the exchange slip, the notice of debit of your bank account.

For amounts less than the equivalent value of 100.000 MAD, you are required to declare them and customs reserves the right for certain cases to request the justification of the origin of the exported currencies.

Cultural goods

The exportation of works of art, collection and antiques is subject to the authorization of the department in charge of cultural affairs.

Tax refund at the borders

Tax-refunded sales

You can make purchases of goods in Morocco with deduction of the value added tax (VAT) of the purchase price.

Important

Tax refund is not granted for «food products (solid and liquid), manufactured tobacco, medications, unmounted gemstones, weapons, as well as private means of transportation, their fueling and equipment goods and cultural goods » [1].

Conditions to be fulfilled in order to benefit from tax refund

Purchases eligible for tax refund must correspond to a retail sale of a tourist nature, carried out, the same day, with the same seller and relate to an amount greater than or equal to 2.000 MAD including VAT.

At the time of purchase and in addition to the invoice, the seller must give you an export sales slip (consisting of an original copy and three copies) bearing his stamp. You must simultaneously present the goods, the corresponding sales slip and invoices (cashier's receipts) to the visa of customs when leaving Moroccan territory.

Purchased items must be exported by you by the end of the third month following the date of purchase.

The refund of VAT is paid by «Global Blue Morocco» and «Morocco Tourist Refund SA» companies, the only service providers authorized by the General Tax Directorate.

The refund is made by one of the two service providers on presentation of the sales slips duly stamped by customs services.

(1) Article 92-39 ° of the General Tax Code

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