

# Moldova Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Passport
- Detailed inventory
- Pro-forma invoice
- Moldovan identification (returning citizens)
- Moldovan Resident Permit (immigrants)
- Resident permit / work permit (temporary imports)
- Letter of employment (temporary imports)
- Diplomatic passport (diplomats)
- Accreditation card (diplomats)

### Specific Information

- The letter of employment must confirm the length of the contract in Moldova as guarantee for any temporary import.
- For surface shipments for returning citizens with a residence address in Chisinau, the shipment will be brought in Chisinau for Customs clearance.
  - The goods will be inspected and estimated / valued by a Customs officer.
  - If the goods were not exported temporarily, the shipment is subject to value added tax (VAT) of approximately 20%.
  - Duties are approximately 0%-15% for new furniture from the estimated value.

- For surface shipments for immigrants, the import in Moldova is duty free for one time import.

## **Motor Vehicles**

### **Documents Required**

- Title / registration
- Original bill of lading

### **Specific Information**

- Cars are subject to duties.
- Vehicles older than 10 years cannot be imported.
- Diplomats may not import a motor vehicle until the accreditation card from the Moldovan Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been issued.
- For temporary import of a personal automobile, the owner of the goods must register the vehicle in the origin country.
- A fee of approximately EUR 95 will be collected by the Customs office for a temporary import.
- Duty-free import is done on a temporary basis of no longer than 12 months.
  - However, the temporary import can be extended each year or when the owner of the goods' resident permit expires and a new one is obtained.
  - If the temporary import is not extended, the import file is sent to the contraband / smuggling department of the Customs office.

## **Pets**

**Note:** *Contact the destination agent for information.*

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- Cigarettes (200), cigarillos (50), cigars (50)
- Leather goods (purses, etc.) and knitwear (3 items)
- Shoes (2 pairs)
- Tape recorders, audio players, etc. (1 total)
- Video recording or reproducing devices (1 item)
- Alcohol (1 bottle), malt beer (5 L)
- Watches (3 items)
- Perfume (quantity for personal use only)

## Prohibited Items

- Customs can prohibit the entry of certain goods or transport items which endanger or compromise the following:
  - State security and public and moral order
  - Environmental protection
  - Protection of art objects and objects of historical / archeological value
  - Intellectual property rights
  - Domestic market
  - Public interests
- Animal products
- Antiques
- Pornographic or subversive materials
- Perishable food items

## Consignment Instructions

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

### Helpful Website(s):

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/moldova.html>

<http://sua.mfa.md>

<http://www.customs.gov.md/en>

<http://www.gov.md/en>

## Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Moldova](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Moldova](#)