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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods - EU and non EU citizens</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of inventory list in English and translated to Hungarian. Both signed by the shipper. Original of the translated to Hungarian inventory required.</li> <li>▪ Copy of passport.</li> <li>▪ Power of attorney (authorisation to clear the shipment given by the client to the agent) – original required.</li> <li>▪ Declaration from the shipper on changing the residence and that he/she has possessed the HHG for more than six months. Original required.</li> <li>▪ Value declaration from shipper stating the customs value of the imported items. Original required.</li> <li>▪ Employment certificate – declaration from the employer at origin indicating shipper's name, job title, employment period with starting and termination dates and full residence address at origin - original required.</li> <li>▪ Documents which prove that shipper has lived outside of EU for more than 12 months before moving to Hungary (copy of residence permit from origin country, visa copy, copy of utility bills for the last 12 months of residence, copy of lease/purchasing contract).</li> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian ID card/residence permit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free, subject to re-exportation.</li> <li>▪ Customs clearance in Hungary is for indefinite period.</li> <li>▪ All documents must be in English, French German or Hungarian.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of shipments is not limited.</li> <li>▪ Duty free clearance is possible only within 12 months of relocation (issue date of residence permit/address card).</li> <li>▪ Important:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Send all necessary Customs documents prior to the arrival of shipment to Hungary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian address card/ address registration.</li> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian TAX card.</li> </ul>		
<b>Removal goods - Returning Hungarians</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of inventory list in English and translated to Hungarian. Both signed by the shipper. Original of the translated to Hungarian inventory required.</li> <li>▪ Copy of passport.</li> <li>▪ Power of attorney (authorisation to clear the shipment given by the client to the agent) – original required.</li> <li>▪ Declaration from the shipper on changing the residence and that he/she has possessed the HHG for more than six months. Original required.</li> <li>▪ Value declaration from shipper stating the customs value of the imported items. Original required.</li> <li>▪ Employment certificate – declaration from the employer at origin indicating shipper’s name, job title, employment period and full residence address at origin) - original required.</li> <li>▪ Documents which prove that shipper has lived outside of EU for more than 12 months before moving to Hungary (copy of residence permit from origin country, visa copy, copy of utility bills for the last 12 months of residence, copy of lease/purchasing contract).</li> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian ID card.</li> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian address card.</li> <li>▪ Copy of the Hungarian TAX card.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Imported items cannot be sold or leased. If client wants to leave these items behind he has to pay duty on them.</li> <li>▪ Number of shipments is not limited.</li> <li>▪ If the residence permit is valid less than one year, an additional bank guarantee (from a Hungarian Bank in HUF) is required for the amount of the duty and other costs on the shipment.</li> <li>▪ Important: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The original import customs form proving that import clearance has been performed has to be kept, presented for prolongation as well as at the time of export Customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ Send all necessary Customs documents prior to the arrival of shipment to Hungary.</li> <li>▪ For incoming shipments, original Customs documents (including transport documents) must be presented to the Customs Office one day prior to clearance.</li> <li>▪ The shipment could be imported duty and tax free if the shipper can prove that has been living outside of the European Union for a continuous period of at least 12 months and that has moved his residence to Hungary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Diplomatic shipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of diplomat passport or Hungarian diplomatic card.</li> <li>▪ Duty free customs form issued by the receiving Embassy in Hungary with apostil from the Protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>▪ Copy of inventory list in English and translated to Hungarian. Both signed by the shipper. Original of the translated to Hungarian inventory with apostil from the Protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs required.</li> <li>▪ Power of attorney (authorisation to clear the shipment given by the client to the agent) – original required.</li> <li>▪ Value declaration from shipper stating the customs value of the imported items. Original required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free for all imported shipments.</li> <li>▪ Alcohol - maximum quantity allowed to be imported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wine: 1 litre</li> <li>▪ Beer: 5 litres</li> <li>▪ Spirit: 1 litre</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original registration certificate of the vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Invoice or purchasing contract.</li> <li>▪ Original value declaration.</li> <li>▪ Power of attorney (authorization given by the client to the customs agent) – original required.</li> <li>▪ Declaration from the shipper on changing the residence. Original required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vehicles can be imported duty-free if equipped with a catalyzer on a temporary basis as long as the Customer's Hungarian Residence Permit is valid.</li> <li>▪ Vehicles four (4) years old or older cannot be imported unless they pass an environmental examination (cost billed to Customer).</li> <li>▪ U.S. made cars may need technical modification.</li> <li>▪ After vehicle clears Customs the owner is issued a Hungarian Registration number and the car can be driven in all the states in Europe.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shipper should own the car for at least 6 months.</li> <li>▪ Cars with foreign registration plate can be used in Hungary for 3 months. After that time cars are cleared at customs office in temporary admission. After customs clearance the car has to be checked at "Technical Test Station". Only cars that meet the European standards can pass technical test.</li> <li>▪ In case residence permit is valid for less than one year, a bank guarantee is required for the amount of the duty, VAT and any additional fees (duty of 23 to 51% depending on the details of the car, customs handling charge of 2%, excise duty of 22% and a VAT of 25% on the value of the car).</li> </ul>

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<b>Tobacco</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximum quantity allowed to be imported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 500 cigarettes.</li> <li>▪ 50 cigars or 500 gr. tobacco.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Medicine</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Imported duty-free with the general practitioner's written confirmation that the kind and quantity of the medicine is necessary to the treatment of the client.</li> </ul>	
<b>Foodstuff</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maximum quantity allowed to be imported is 1 kg of tea, coffee, cocoa, and all kind of spices except red pepper powder.</li> </ul>	
<b>Plants and vegetable products</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as for Removal Goods</li> <li>▪ Phytosanitary certificate.</li> </ul>		
<b>Dogs, cats, birds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As for Removal Goods</li> <li>▪ Veterinary certificate but no quarantine.</li> </ul>		
<b>Prohibited Items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Weapons and explosives.</li> <li>▪ Drugs and narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic or obscene material.</li> <li>▪ Radio transmitters.</li> </ul>	
<b>Important notice</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In the past, many expatriates could visit Hungarian embassies in countries neighbouring Hungary to obtain their residence visas (work visas, family member visas, income generator visas). However,</li> </ul>

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			<p>please be advised that this is no longer the case as these embassies are no longer willing to issue residence visas to foreigners not resident in their respective countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For some time now, many Non-E.U. expatriates (incl. U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan, South Africa) who entered Hungary on a 90-day tourist visa, but then wished to obtain an extended visa, could often apply for same at a Hungarian Embassy in Vienna, Prague, Bratislava or Zagreb. However, due to a tightening of procedure, foreigners can now only apply for an extended Hungarian visa at the Hungarian Embassy in either their native country, or a country in which they have official residency.</li> <li>▪ Exceptions will only be made in extreme circumstance, such as a medical condition that might prevent the applicant from travel.</li> </ul>



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