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1 WHAT IS A PERSONAL EFFECT ?

PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE ANY ITEMS, WHETHER NEW OR USED, THAT A TRAVELER REQUIRES FOR PERSONAL USE DURING THEIR STAY. GOODS INTENDED FOR RESALE ARE EXCLUDED.

✗ IT IS RECOMMENDED TO REFER TO THE DEFINITION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND EFFECTS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 5 OF THE CUSTOMS CODE.

2 IMPORTING PERSONAL EFFECTS AND BELONGINGS



1. TEMPORARY IMPORTATION :

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- NON-RESIDENT ALGERIAN NATIONALS : **6 MONTHS (NON-RENEWABLE)**.
- NON-RESIDENT FOREIGNERS : **3 MONTHS (RENEWABLE)**, UPON A JUSTIFIED REQUEST FROM THE BENEFICIARY).

CONDITIONS :

- SIMPLIFIED DECLARATION WITH A COMMITMENT TO RE-EXPORT
- UPON EXPIRATION OF THE AUTHORIZED PERIOD, ITEMS MUST BE :
 - RE-EXPORTED
 - VOLUNTARILY ABANDONED TO THE TREASURY
 - CLEARED FOR HOME USE UNDER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

2. DUTY-FREE IMPORTATION :

- NEW ITEMS INTENDED FOR PERSONAL USE ;
- MAXIMUM VALUE : **150.000 DZD**
- MUST NOT HAVE ANY COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL CHARACTER.
- EXCLUDED FROM THE CATEGORY OF ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

3. IMPORTATION WITH FLAT-RATE TAXATION :

PERSONAL USE ITEMS :

TRAVELERS MAY CLEAR, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO THE FORMALITIES OF FOREIGN TRADE AND EXCHANGE CONTROLS, NEW OR USED GOODS IMPORTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS :

- THE IMPORTATION IS OCCASIONAL (I.E., THE TRAVELER IS NOT A HABITUAL IMPORTER);
- THE GOODS ARE INTENDED FOR PERSONAL OR FAMILY USE;
- THE GOODS ARE DEVOID OF ANY COMMERCIAL CHARACTER;
- THE VALUE OF THE GOODS EXCEEDS THE DUTY-FREE THRESHOLD SET AT **150.000,00 DZD**.

THE CLEARANCE OF THESE GOODS IS SUBJECT TO A FLAT-RATE TAX OF **30%** OF THE VALUE OF THE GOODS.

PROFESSIONAL USE ITEMS :

TRAVELERS MAY CLEAR, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO THE FORMALITIES OF FOREIGN TRADE AND EXCHANGE CONTROLS, NEW OR USED GOODS INTENDED FOR USE IN A PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY — EXCLUDING ITEMS INTENDED FOR RESALE AS-IS — WHEN THE VALUE DOES NOT EXCEED **100,000 DZD**.

THIS CLEARANCE IS SUBJECT TO A FLAT-RATE TAX OF **25%** OF THE VALUE OF THE GOODS.

GOODS WHOSE VALUE EXCEEDS THE FLAT-RATE TAXATION THRESHOLD MUST BE PLACED UNDER AN AUTHORIZED CUSTOMS PROCEDURE OR ASSIGNED AN APPROVED DESTINATION.

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CUSTOMS ALLOWANCES (EXEMPT FROM DUTIES & TAXES)

- TOBACCO: 200 CIGARETTES, OR 100 CIGARILLOS, OR 50 CIGARS, OR 250G OF TOBACCO
- ALCOHOL: 2 LITERS OF WINE OR 1 LITER OF SPIRITS
- PERFUME: 50G OF PERFUME OR ¼ LITER OF EAU DE TOILETTE

TRAVELERS ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE A VERBAL DECLARATION FOR GOODS THEY ARE CARRYING.

POSSIBLE CUSTOMS DESTINATIONS FOR GOODS CARRIED BY TRAVELERS :

1- PLACED IN CUSTOMS STORAGE:

- AT THE TRAVELER'S REQUEST;
- WHEN THE GOODS CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY CLEARED THROUGH CUSTOMS; OR
- WHEN THEIR ADMISSION INTO THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY IS NOT PERMITTED, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY DECLARED AND ANY APPLICABLE PROHIBITION IS INDICATED.

✗ THE STORAGE PERIOD FOR GOODS PLACED IN CUSTOMS DEPOSIT BY TRAVELERS IS LIMITED TO ONE (01) MONTH

UPON EXPIRATION OF THIS PERIOD, THE GOODS ARE SOLD BY THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION.

2- ABANDONED TO THE PUBLIC TREASURY :

ITEMS TEMPORARILY IMPORTED BY TRAVELERS MUST BE RE-EXPORTED. THESE ITEMS MAY BE VOLUNTARILY ABANDONED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC TREASURY THROUGH THE AUTHORIZED CUSTOMS COLLECTOR.

3 EXPORTATION OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND EFFECTS



1- EXPORTATION FREE OF DUTIES AND TAXES :

TRAVELERS (FOREIGNERS OR RESIDENT NATIONALS) WHO ARE TEMPORARILY LEAVING THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY MAY EXPORT — DUTY-FREE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS — PERSONAL OR FAMILY-USE ITEMS, EXCLUDING GOODS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED FOR EXPORT. ALSO EXCLUDED ARE GOODS WHOSE NATURE OR QUANTITY INDICATES COMMERCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL USE.

2. TEMPORARY EXPORTATION

TRAVELERS (FOREIGNERS OR RESIDENT NATIONALS) TEMPORARILY LEAVING THE CUSTOMS TERRITORY MAY TEMPORARILY EXPORT ANY NEW OR USED ITEMS FOR PERSONAL USE.

- MAXIMUM DURATION : **6 MONTHS**
- SIMPLIFIED DECLARATION WITH A COMMITMENT TO RE-IMPORT THE ITEMS

✗ UPON EXPIRATION OF THE ALLOWED PERIOD, THE TEMPORARILY EXPORTED ITEMS MUST BE RE-IMPORTED TO CLOSE OUT THE INITIAL COMMITMENT.

THE COMMITMENT MAY BE CLEARED WITHOUT RE-IMPORTATION OF THE ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES :

- THE ITEMS WERE DESTROYED OR LOST DUE TO ACCIDENT OR FORCE MAJEURE (SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED);
- THE TRAVELER SUBSEQUENTLY PROVES THE LEGAL ACQUISITION OF RESIDENCE ABROAD AND IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED A NON-RESIDENT.