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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Passport. Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB). Detailed inventory of all appliances (not valued). Original Residence Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Interior). Original Work Permit (duly approved by the Ministry of Employment). Original ID card, if applicable (for returning Tunisian citizens, both spouses for married status). Packing list in French (Diplomats). Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption (Diplomats). Authorizations issued by the Ministry of Tourism, allowing the customer to have a secondary residence (secondary residences). Proof of purchase by the appropriate government office (secondary residences). Sales Contract of secondary residence (second residences). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An advance copy of the OBL must be sent to the destination agent with name matching the passport exactly. For foreign expatriates employed in Tunisia, Tunisian Customs is differentiating those working for the Export/Offshore market and those working for the local market. For the Expats working for the Export/Offshore market goods will be cleared Duty Free on the temporary franchise basis. All items previously imported must be exported upon departure. For the Expats working for the local market Taxes & Duties will apply. All shipments are subject to an inspection at the point of entry (POE), except diplomatic shipments. The shipper must be present for Customs clearance, except Diplomats. For foreign Expats entering Tunisia via employment contract, the original Work Permit is required for Customs clearance. If not available, additional port storage and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuable articles should be declared upon arrival to ensure re-export. Baggage is cleared at the first airport of entry in Tunisia. Exempt: passengers in transit at Tunis (TUN) to a destination outside of Tunisia, holding onward tickets.

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		<p>container demurrage charges will be charged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the property owner is unable to provide the final Residence Permit at clearance time then Customs will ask for a deposit reimbursed after production of the final document, Residence Permit / Work Permit (foreigners on employment contracts with duty-free entry). ▪ The shipper (Diplomat) should be present in Tunisia at least 2–3 weeks prior to the shipment’s arrival to be accredited by the Tunisian Government and present the Diplomatic Franchise / Exemption, which must be approved by both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs Administration. It takes approximately 1 month to be duly approved by both administrations. ▪ For Retired People: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If shipper is the owner of his residence then Customs will ask for the Title Ownership, the residence permit and clear goods on a duty free temporary basis ▪ If shipper is renting the place then Customs will ask for the residence permit, proof of financial resources through the local Tunisian Bank. Shipment will be subject to Taxes & Duties. It is advisable to avoid exceeding the 1x20’ Container volume. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Packing List should be forwarded to the destination agent in advance with a copy of the OBL in order to avoid delays. 	
<p>Restricted items</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Live animals – health certificate required along with complete and valid inoculations. Contact nearest embassy to obtain permission. ▪ Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES maybe be brought in only with CITES permission. ▪ Medication. ▪ Local currency - Tunisian Dinar (TND) – cash import available only with permission. Contact the nearest embassy. ▪ Foreign Currency declarable when exceeding the below amounts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreigners - the equivalent of TND 5,000. ▪ Residents - the equivalent of TND 25,000. ▪ Hunting weapons permissible only with authorisation obtainable from Ministry of Interior. Contact nearest embassy for more information. ▪ Plants (a Phytosanitary Certificate is required). ▪ Appliances, electronics, and computers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 of each item is allowed; ▪ make, model and serial number must be included on the detailed inventory. ▪ New items (dutiable). ▪ Perfumes (reasonable quantity). ▪ Satellite receivers, faxes, walkie-talkies, and telephones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to possible temporary hold by Customs these items are allowed entry only with authorization from the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The same restrictions on spirits and alcohol apply for diplomats. They should check their allowance with their Embassy prior to shipping.

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		<p>appropriate authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 100 cigarillos or 500g of tobacco. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no information on age restrictions. ▪ 1L of spirits (over 25% volume of alcohol) or 2L of lighter alcohol beverages (up to 25% volume of alcohol). 	
Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drones & mini-drones ▪ Pornographic documents ▪ Counterfeit items ▪ Cultural artefacts and other objects of cultural importance ▪ Henna ▪ Palm tree and any products thereof ▪ Explosive material ▪ Illegal drugs, narcotics ▪ Weapons, ammunition, explosives 	
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of health from veterinary authorities in the country of departure stating that no contagious diseases of animals occurred at place of origin for 6 weeks before shipment. ▪ Cats and dogs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ in addition to above, a rabies vaccination certificate issued between 1 and 6 months prior to arrival is required. ▪ Vaccination record. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prohibited: the breeds boerboel, pitbull, rottweiler and tosa; and falcons. ▪ Animals subject to examination upon arrival. 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Owner's Passport. ▪ OBL. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The shipper must be present for Customs clearance. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Registration / Insurance certificates (in shipper's name). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles are subject to inspection; report must show the engine number and type of vehicle. ▪ The vehicle details must be stamped on the importer's Passport. ▪ Customer may temporarily drive the vehicle for a period of 3 months during clearance. 	



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