

United States National Support Element Larissa: Personal Property

Larissa Customs/Personal Property Office is to assist in customs clearance of US property (POV/HHG shipments) and supplies through Greek Customs so that members have a smooth PCS move in or out of Larissa Greece. The Customs office is located in the USNSE Headquarters and is open Monday - Thursday 0800 – 1630 and Friday 0800 – 1530 to address all customs related issues.

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Everyone must check-in with the Customs Agent within three (3) working days of their arrival in Larissa and provide a copy of your orders as well as a contact telephone number.

SHIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE:

1. NSA Souda Bay, GBLOC UANA is the responsible shipping office for all shipments of Retirees, Separates, Dependents relocating to Greece and personnel assigned to the following military sites located in Greece:

- a. NSA Souda Bay, Crete, FPO AE 09865
 - b. US National Support Greece Larissa, Greece APO AE 09844
 - c. Advance Command Post, Thessaloniki, Greece, APO 09841
 - d. 650th MI Group (WBWM9D) Thessalonica, Greece, APO 09841
 - e. USAFE Air Postal Sq., Det w Athens, Greece, APO AE 09841
 - f. Dept of the Army Military, SDDC, Greece Det, Piraeus, Greece APO 09842
- See PPSO NSA Souda Bay record for shipping instructions.

2. US Embassy, Athens, Greece GBLOC UADK is the responsible shipping office for all shipments of personnel assigned to:

- A. US Embassy, Athens, Greece, APO AE 09842 and
 - B. OL A 31 Aircraft Maint (USAFE), Athens, Greece APO AE 09841
- See US Embassy Athens record for shipping instructions.

Inbound shipments:

For your in processing, the Customs Agent will need the following documents: Unaccompanied Baggage Shipment:

1. Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property (DD FORM 1299)
2. Government Bill of Lading (GBL)
3. Inventory
4. Any other Shipping documents

Household Goods Shipment:

U.S. personnel assigned to Larissa Greece are authorized to ship full JFTR weight allowance. Required documents:

1. Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property (DD FORM 1299)
2. Government Bill of Lading (GBL)
3. Inventory
4. Any other Shipping documents

VAT Forms (Valued added tax exempt forms)

VAT forms are a great way to save on the sales tax imposed on many purchases, especially as you are moving into your new home. The customs office can fill you in on all the places that are now accepting the VAT forms as well as the regulations. Keep in mind that not all stores will accept the VAT form, and most stores will not accept them unless you are spending at least 60 €. But you also may find a new place that is willing to accept these forms and if that is the case, just let the customs office know.

Privately owned vehicles (POVs):

Member must possess a copy of the vehicle title (some people do not have the title, because the bank is the lien holder of it. Athens Customs are very strict and they are not going to accept the customs clearance for the vehicle without the title. So everybody has to have a copy of it.)

2. Registration (mandatory)
3. Insurance valid in Greece (check with your insurance company prior to arriving)
4. US drivers license
5. International Driving License
6. Military ID
7. Passport

If any of the above documents are not available, the member's vehicle will be held at the port.

8. Ferry-boat Ticket (if applicable)

Note: If the spouse is going to drive the vehicle, his/her International Drivers License, US Drivers License and Passport are mandatory

9. Only the DOD military and civilian members assigned to Larissa, Greece are authorized to import, free of duty taxes.

Unaccompanied Members: 2 vehicles, one car and one motorcycle. For the 2nd vehicle, member has to pay road taxes, depending on the make, model, year and the engine capacity of the vehicle. (Lower engine capacity is preferred).

Accompanied Members: 3 vehicles, two cars and one motorcycle or one car and two motorcycles. For the 3rd vehicle, member has to pay road taxes, depending on the make, model, year and the engine capacity of the vehicle.

10. A POV shipped at owner's expense must clear customs at the port of entry. Customs clearance must be arranged through a customs broker and owner has to pay all associated fees.

11. Any item listed in the Greek customs booklet issued by the Greek authorities, at the time of registration, must remain in the vehicle or be produced at the time of sale or de-registration to the Greek customs.

12. Greek law requires each automobile to be equipped with a first aid kit, a safety triangle, and a fire extinguisher. A complete vehicle safety inspection of the POV by the Greek Customs Office is required.

Customs Regulations

1. Consumables:

Alcoholic beverages: Greek customs limit the duty free importation of alcoholic beverages to 2 liters for each active duty member, DOD civilian and adult family member.

2. Electrical equipment:

The Greek Government is very strict on the importation and exportation of controlled items. Controlled items include, but are not limited to, all electrical items, cameras, watches, bicycles, furniture items, televisions, VCRs, stereo equipment, and appliances. IMPORTANT: The customs control office has to be notified, in advance, for the sale or withdrawal of any controlled items.

3. Privately-Owned Firearms (POF):

a. HAND GUNS: Importation is prohibited.

b. RIFLES/SHOT GUNS: Mainland: Greek law prohibits importation of rifles of any kind. The only firearms permitted are smooth bore shotguns. Greek law restricts importation to one shotgun per adult family member. No advance approval is necessary for importation of shotguns. However, they must be registered with the security police upon arrival. Personnel with firearms that do not comply with the aforementioned description are urged not to attempt to ship those firearms.

4. Drugs

The Greek State considers the use of drugs as a very serious offence and levies heavy penalties against individuals who are caught importing, supplying, offering to supply, manufacturing or growing any drug. It is also an offense to smoke or take a drug or to allow one's premises to be used for smoking or taking a drug.

5. Other prohibited items include: Sexually explicit/Pornographic material, live plants and CB radios.

6. Importation or use of the following is allowed: There are no restrictions identified for Amateur/Ham Radios, MARS equipment, Dish Antennas, and Cordless phones.

PETS / QUARANTINE:

a. All animals must have a rabies certificate, dated within 6 months of CONUS departure date. A health certificate is also required that certifies that the pet is in good health and free from infectious disease, not more than 6 days before arrival or departure. The certificate must be validated by the appropriate medical authority in the country, where the travel begins. Animals entering should have: (a): either a clearly readable tattoo; or (b): an electronic identification system (transponder).

b. In the US validation is performed by the US Department of Agriculture (DOA), in Washington, D.C., members can take the papers to the Greek Consulate for validation. Health clearance will be given at the port of entry.

c. There is no quarantine period upon entry into Greece. Personnel should be counseled that they must make arrangements for boarding their pets upon arrival, as most hotels do not allow pets. Greece has a limited amount of boarding kennels available, so booking must be made in advance.

d. Limited military veterinarian facilities available.

e. Birds are prohibited.