

# **Moldova Country Guide**

## **Country Guide: Moldova**

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***Due to the current coronavirus/COVID-19 situation and restrictions in various countries, the below information may not be accurate. This pandemic is a fluid situation. Check with authorities for local laws and restrictions concerning movements.***

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**Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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## **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**

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### **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

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*Note: Contact the destination agent for information.*

### Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- 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

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- 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

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

## **Cultural and Other Information**

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CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Moldova