



Military and civilian personnel, along with their command-sponsored dependents, are authorized duty-free entry of their personal property during their tour in Greece.

The Greek government is strict on the importation and exportation of controlled items including, but not limited to: electrical and electronic items, cameras, watches, bicycles, metal detectors, televisions, DVD players, stereo equipment, appliances, and scuba equipment. These items must be identified by type of item, model number and serial number on your Household Goods (HHG)/Unaccompanied Baggage (UB) inventory sheet for shipment to Greece.

Items shipped into Greece must also be shipped out again when you PCS, or transferred to another member with free entry status, to avoid paying customs duties.

These customs regulations apply to items purchased duty-free while in Greece as well, i.e. bought in the Navy Exchange or delivered via the U.S. Post Office on base.

If you sell an item within Greece to a person without the free entry privilege, the custom duty must be paid.

Authorized members can request a VAT (Value Added Tax)-exempt form for items or services valued more than 25 Euro on the local economy. The current tax rate for most items is 24 percent and is typically reflected in the advertised price. Items purchased using the VAT-exempt form must be identified on the HHG inventory as a separate line item and must be exported by the end of your tour.

Contact the Customs Office for specific and up-to-date information concerning controlled items, VAT-exempt forms and the appropriate transfer or disposal of controlled items.

**The Host Nation Customs Office** is located in Bldg. 49A.

Customer Service Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For any questions, please send an email to: [Souda Bay Customs Office](#)