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Personal Property Shipping Office, Bldg. 49A

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Greek Customs

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 stricter 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, for example, items purchased 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.

Other Restrictions

There are items available for purchase on the local economy that may be denied entry to the U.S. by customs. For example, agricultural-related products like unmanufactured wood items would be denied.

Vehicles purchased on the local economy also face strict customs review when being imported to the U.S.

If in doubt, consult with the Personal Property Office before making your purchase.

Value Added Tax Exemption Forms

Authorized members can request Value Added Tax (VAT) Exemption Forms 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 Exemption Forms 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 Exemption Forms and the appropriate transfer or disposal of controlled items.