

## WHO?

Travellers arriving at a Spanish port or airport from outside the European Union, or from outside the EU customs territory\* (including Spanish residents returning from such destinations), will see the following signage as they go through Customs.

## RED CHANNEL – SOMETHING TO DECLARE

You must choose this channel if:

- You are bringing in goods for commercial use.
- You are bringing in goods for personal use that exceed the permitted amounts or values.
- You are bringing in goods that are subject to certain restrictions or controls.
- You are bringing in €10,000 or more in cash or other similar means of payment.

## GREEN CHANNEL – NOTHING TO DECLARE

You must choose this channel if:

- The items in your personal luggage are for personal or family use.
- None of these items exceeds the permitted amounts or values.
- You are not bringing in any goods that are subject to restrictions or controls that must be carried out at Customs.

\* The Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla do not form part of the customs territory of the European Union

## THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:

The introduction of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products. Visit the following website to consult the list of exceptions:

<https://www.sanidad.gob.es/en/home.htm>

The plants, plant products and other objects referred to in Annex VI to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

Visit the following website to consult the list of exceptions and of products requiring a Phytosanitary Certificate: <https://www.mapa.gob.es/en/>

Drugs and narcotics or any other goods prohibited by law.



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## Information brochure



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ARRIVING FROM  
NON-EUROPEAN UNION  
COUNTRIES (EU)

AT  
SPANISH  
CUSTOMS

## NOTHING TO DECLARE

### SOUVENIRS/GIFTS



You must choose this channel if the value of your purchases does not exceed €430 if you are travelling by sea or air, or €300 if you are travelling by other means of transport. For minors under the age of 15, the total allowance is €150.

The above allowances are applicable per person; two or more persons travelling together cannot combine their individual allowances in any way.

### TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



**Exemptions from Tariffs and Taxes**  
on entry (VAT/Canary Island General Indirect Tax (IGIC)/Excise Duties

#### TOBACCO

<b>200 units</b>	cigarettes or
<b>100 units</b>	cigarillos (cigars of a maximum weight of 3 g/unit.) or
<b>50 units</b>	cigars, or
<b>250 gr.</b>	smoking tobacco

#### ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

<b>1 litre</b>	of ethyl alcohol of 80% or more alcohol or alcoholic beverages over 22% alcohol
<b>2 litres</b>	of beverages of less than 22% alcohol, fortified wine or sparkling wine and
<b>4 litres</b>	still wine and
<b>16 litres</b>	beer

Travellers under the age of 17 cannot benefit from these exemptions.

These quantities are per person, and may be combined until the total quantities permitted are reached.

For employees of international transport companies, the quantities are lowered to one-tenth of the above allowances.

## SOMETHING TO DECLARE

In addition to declaring any goods exceeding the aforementioned amounts, and paying (as the case may be) the corresponding duties and taxes, **you must choose this channel if you are taking any of the following goods INTO OR OUT OF SPAIN.**

### PETS



You may bring up to 5 pets.

Dogs, cats and ferrets must be microchipped or tattooed and may only be brought into the country with a veterinary certificate or passport certifying valid rabies vaccination. Bear in mind that these are EU regulations, and if you are travelling to a third country, you must inform yourself of its requirements. If you are entering Spain from a rabies-risk country, a blood test, conducted in an EU-certified laboratory, is mandatory. Official certificates are required for pet birds,

### FAUNA AND FLORA



Species protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) may not be brought into or taken out of Spain without the mandatory permits (ivory, turtle shells, certain hunting trophies, parrots, etc.). Certain, limited exceptions apply as regards certification requirements.

Visit the following website before travelling:

<https://www.miteco.gob.es/>

### COSMETICS AND MEDICATION



You may only bring items for personal use into the country. In the case of medication, do not forget to bring a copy of your prescription or a medical report.

## CASH AND OTHER SIMILAR MEANS OF PAYMENT



If you are taking cash or pay-to-cash cheques in euros or other currencies, or prepaid cards not linked to a bank account and/or certain gold items, or a combination thereof, totalling an **amount equal to or exceeding €10,000** into or out of Spain, **you must fill out a Declaration** (in person or electronically) and present at Customs on departure or entry.

During the movement, you must keep the declaration with the means of payment at all times, and they must be carried by the person named as the bearer of said means of payment in the declaration.

Further information is available at:

[Spanish Tax Agency: Means of payment](#)



## VAT REFUND

Do not forget that if you are not an EU resident you may recover the VAT paid on purchases you have made in mainland Spain or in the Balearic Islands, provided that they have not been purchased for commercial purposes and that you take them out of the EU, in your personal luggage, within the three months following their purchase.

At the time of purchase, you must accredit your identity as well as your residence outside the EU and request an invoice and **electronic refund document (ERD)** from the shop. You must present the ERD for its electronic validation at the **interactive terminals of the "DIVA" system** located at points of exit from mainland Spain or the Balearic Islands. Take your purchases and invoices with you. If required to do so, present your purchases at Customs. You may

request the VAT refund from the shop or from the Collaborating Entities authorized by the Spanish Tax Agency (AEAT).

