



Spain

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

# Importing Goods to Spain



## Importing Personal Effects

With the UK having left the EU, rules now apply to movement of goods between the UK and EU countries. Please bear in mind that all shipments to the EU from the UK now have to clear customs on arrival, and you must ensure you can provide all relevant customs documents required at destination.

Your contact at your local Britannia office will advise you on which forms are necessary along with what supporting documentation you will need to provide. However, the responsibility for completion and submission of these forms falls with the customer. We advise that preparations are made for all these formalities prior to the move to avoid potential delays in transportation and additional charges.

## Documentation

Britannia will assist you to complete the customs formalities. To help us with this we will need a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable).

Our team members will supply you with the appropriate import documentation before the arrival of your goods which you must complete to facilitate clearance. To avoid additional charges it is essential that documentation is completed and returned promptly.



## Prohibitions and Restrictions

The following items are prohibited or restricted and we strongly advise you not to include them in your consignment:

- Firearms, ammunition & weapons
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants, plant material & animal products
- Foodstuffs, perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, tobacco & narcotics
- Objectionable and indecent material

Recent changes to legislation in Europe mean that it is now forbidden to travel through France en route to other countries in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol.

If a vehicle is stopped and searched and alcohol and tobacco are found amongst household effects, large fines may apply plus the cost of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties whose consignments are also affected.

## Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment for part or dedicated load, and where you are moving to. Britannia will advise you once this information is established.

## Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complimentary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible, from international foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please scan this QR code.



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# Welcome to Britannia in Spain

## Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to Spain will be subject to compliance, and it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand drive vehicles is not recommended.

## Britannia in Spain

Britannia Movers has enjoyed a long standing presence in Spain via our office in Malaga. As a highly popular destination for British expats moving overseas, the ability to provide a fully door-to-door Britannia moving experience is an option that many customers take advantage of, whether moving out to Spain or back to the UK.

Britannia Southern provide all the services and standards that customers are used to from Britannia in the UK. They are a family-run operation, thus reflecting the values and service levels of the whole Britannia Movers group.

Apart from the obvious advantages of using Britannia throughout your move to or from Spain, our offices can provide you with useful destination information regarding your new surroundings and are always on hand to offer guidance to help you acclimatise.

## Storage

Should you require storage prior to delivery this can be arranged. You should expect to pay a one-off storage handling fee plus a monthly storage charge. Please note that these charges are payable locally.

It is vitally important that you ensure that your marine insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.

## Destination Services

If you have selected a full door-to-door service Britannia will deliver the goods to your new home. Goods will be placed in the relevant rooms. All furniture will be unwrapped, and cartons packed by Britannia will be unpacked on to a flat surface. Used packing materials will be removed from site on the delivery day.

Although there may be insurance implications, you retain the right not to have some or all items unpacked should you choose.

Alternative destination services are available subject to final destination and method of transport. Your local Britannia office can advise you of the options available.



# Your Moving Guide Checklist

## Three Months Before

- Arrange for a pre-move survey with Britannia
- Have a clear idea what you would like to take with you
- Arrange for a quote for the transportation of your family pet

## Six Weeks Before

- Book move date and agree moving plan
- Make a list of any items to be moved which will need particular care
- Book pet transport carrier and confirm logistics
- Advise of new school addresses so that education records can be passed on quickly
- Doctor – de-register. If undergoing hospital treatment, notify a new doctor as soon as possible

## Four Weeks Before

- Advise schools/nurseries of movement and obtain records
- Cancel memberships including gym, library etc
- Arrange financial affairs: foreign exchange, pension transfers and bank accounts

## Three Weeks Before

- Confirm childcare arrangements for moving day
- Plan the best way to look after pets on moving day and confirm itinerary for transportation
- Clear out unwanted belongings
- Start using up food from the freezer

## Two Weeks Before

- Contact service providers to arrange final accounts and meter readings
- Telecoms/digital/cable TV provider
- Electricity supplier
- Gas/Oil supplier
- Water Rates
- Local Council Taxes
- Credit card/store card or credit card protection companies
- TV Licence
- Notify all hire purchase/lease/standing orders or loans companies

## Notify plans of movement:

- Dentist
- Optician
- Amend insurance cover on buildings, household contents, motor, life etc
- National Insurance
- Child Benefit
- Motor vehicle registration
- Driving Licence (DVLA)
- Pension company
- Redirection of mail via the Post Office (visit your local Post Office for details)
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, clubs, and organisations
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances: washing machine, cooker, dishwasher

## Two Days Before

- Defrost the fridge and freezer
- Cancel any regular deliveries (milk / newspapers)

## The Day Before

- Check drawers and trunks/chests for any fragile items
- Take down curtains and blinds
- Put together a pile of 'do not remove' essentials: passports, tickets, itineraries, coats, handbags, snacks, cleaning materials
- Pack small valuables separately and leave with essentials pile e.g. jewellery, watches, money, bonds, coins, stamps etc
- Separate your airfreight consignment from your sea freight if applicable

## The Big Day

- Confirm service meter readings and keep a spare copy of readings
- Switch off power and water supplies (if necessary)
- Lock all windows and doors
- Drop keys off with estate agent
- Confirm you have provided all required documentation for your sea freight/airfreight consignment

