

# All the right moves – Italy



**Britannia**

REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING



# Welcome to Britannia in Italy

## Britannia moving to/from Italy

Italy has always been a popular European destination for people looking to move overseas. For many years Britannia has been providing a regular removal service between the UK and Italy, and can offer a door to door service if required. Many of Britannia's network of companies specialise in moving regularly to Italy. With the support of our relationships with local Italian removal companies we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources as well as secure storage facilities in Italy, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

## Importing Your Personal Effects

As a general rule the Italian Customs Authorities grant duty free entry for used household goods and personal effects. A duty free importation can be allowed within 12 months from the date of residence registration in Italy. All audiovisual items such as a TV, radio, stereo, video-recorder, VCR, DVD player and computer can only enter Italy if they have the "CE" logo or were purchased before January 1996. Customs might inspect these items to check whether they meet requirements and proof of purchase needs to be submitted to the Italian customs.

## Custom clearance/documentation

Italy is a full member of the EU. However, it does have a thorough approach towards documentation and there are several forms that require completion. Britannia will advise you of the required documents prior to your move.

## Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment and the final destination. Britannia can provide further information once this information is established, but Customs clearance normally takes between 5 and 8 working days depending on the port of arrival.

## Tracking Consignment

Shared load consignments will be bar coded before they are loaded into the vehicle. This will ensure that no items are left at origin and allow Britannia to check the status of your goods in transit.

## Prohibitions and Restrictions

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive material

Despite the 'free market' of the European Union there are restrictions in transporting some classes of goods across borders and within some countries. Several countries restrict the value or volume/weight of such goods as alcohol, tobacco and cigarettes. Recent changes to legislation in Europe means 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 these are found amongst household effects there are huge fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.

## Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complementary 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 visit - <http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk/additional-services>

## Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to Italy will be subject to compliance, it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended. Vehicles must have been owned and used for more than 6 months prior to shipment to Italy, and must comply with EU specifications.

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