



Defense Personal Property System DPS Country Instructions Italy

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Weight Restrictions

- 1) Navy personnel:
 - a. 25 percent of full JFTR weight allowance or 2,000 pounds, whichever is greater.
 - b. NOTE: A weight restriction will not apply unless it appears in the member's orders.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages (liquors/wines) limited to:

- 1) 1 package (6 bottles total) of wine plus 6 bottles of alcohol but not the same (to be understood Rum, brandy, gin, etc.)
- 2) For a total of 12 bottles of wine and alcohol.

Cigarettes/Tobacco Products

Tobacco products limited to

- 1) 200 cigarettes OR
- 2) 50 cigars OR
- 3) 250 grams of tobacco

Electrical Equipment

- 1) Aviano AB:
 - a. Currently the Furnishing Management Office (FMO) provides all major household appliances, wardrobes and transformers to operate the small appliances since there is a difference in wattage.
- 2) Leghorn:
 - a. Ranges, refrigerators, washers, dryers, kitchen cabinets, and wardrobes should not be shipped as these items are provided by Central Furnishing Management Office.
 - b. Non-temporary storage of items shipped is not authorized.
- 3) Naples:
 - a. Ranges, refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, kitchen hutches, and wardrobes should not be shipped as these items are provided by Partial Full Tour Furnishing (PFTF).
- 4) NAS Sigonella:
 - a. It is not recommended to ship major electrical appliances due to the difference in wattage.
 - b. The Housing Office provides the following items for use in on and off base housing:
 - i. Washer
 - ii. Dryer
 - iii. Refrigerator

- iv. Stove
- v. Microwave
- vi. kitchen cabinets
- vii. wardrobes
- viii. transformers
- ix. gas detectors
- x. carbon monoxide detectors
- xi. computer desk
- xii. standing fan
- xiii. medicine cabinet.

5) La Maddalena:

- a. It's not recommended to ship a range, freezer, refrigerator, kitchen cabinet, washer, dryer and wardrobes, these items are provided by the Housing Office upon request.

Furniture, Oversized

- 1) There is **no** Non-temporary storage (NTS) in Europe authorized for HHG shipped in excess of what will fit, or is too large to be placed in living quarters.
- 2) Recommend larger items be placed into NTS at origin. If it is determined items are needed at a later date and will fit into residence, contact the local Personal Property Office for shipment release.
- 3) Storage will be at the member/employee expense.
- 4) Government and Economy living quarters are generally smaller than those in US.
- 5) Economy housing in Italy accommodate more HHG than government quarters, but are still smaller than homes and apartments in the US.
- 6) Many have narrow doorways and tight stairwells that cannot accommodate furniture that would fit easily into an American home.
- 7) Service members shipping large items such as king and/or queen size box springs and mattresses, oversized sofas, or other large furniture items that cannot be disassembled, may encounter problems when residing in government or economy housing due to narrow stairwells.
- 8) Washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, kitchen cabinets, and wardrobes are furnished for Government and Economy quarters.

Pets/Quarantine

- 1) Standards laid out below are for shipping dogs, cats, and ferrets from the United States.
- 2) Ferrets:
 - a. Not accepted as pets for movement on Air Mobility Command (AMC) military or commercially contracted aircraft.
 - b. If you require information on shipments for ferrets or other exotic pets please contact your local USDA field office.
- 3) Dogs/Cats:

- a. An examination fee of 55 Euro per pet will be implemented February 1, 2013, for all non-EU citizens who import a pet into the country.
- b. Quarantine Period:
 - i. There is no quarantine period for pets entering Italy
- c. Identification (Via standard electronic identification system with a read-only passive radio frequency identification device known commonly as a transponder "Microchip"):
 - i. Complies with ISO standard 11784 and 11785
 - ii. When the microchip does not comply with ISO standard 11784 or 11785, the owner or the natural person responsible for the pet on behalf of the owner must provide the means necessary (Microchip Reader/Wand) for reading the non-ISO compliant microchip at the time of inspection.
 - iii. The microchip must be implanted before the primary rabies vaccination or valid rabies booster is given to the pet before traveling:
- d. Vaccinations:
 - i. Primary Rabies Vaccine: This is the first rabies vaccination a pet ever receives; for EU countries this also applies to the first rabies vaccine given after the microchip was implanted; that is, rabies vaccinations received prior to the pet being microchipped are NOT recognized by the EU
 - ii. Valid Rabies Booster: This is a rabies booster that was given to the pet before the primary rabies (either the primary rabies vaccine or another rabies booster) rabies vaccination expired
 - iii. Rabies Immunization:
 - 1. Usually is required for all pets entering Italy
 - 2. Pets less than three months of age coming from the United States may not always require the rabies vaccination IF:
 - a. The pet has pre-authorization from the EU member state BEFORE entering the country
 - b. Any one year dose or three year dose rabies vaccine is valid as long as it is a U.S. approved vaccine, and was administered according to the manufacturer's specifications (for instance, a vaccine labeled for 1 year use cannot be utilized as a 3 year vaccine)
 - c. A valid rabies vaccine must occur after the animal has been microchipped to be valid for entry into an EU member state
 - d. At least 21 days must have elapsed between the completion of the primary rabies vaccination (as specified above) and before the pet enters the EU member state. However, if the animal received a valid rabies booster after -- 21 days does not have to elapse before travel.

3. If a pet has received a non-ISO compliant microchip and then received a valid rabies vaccination with 21 days having elapsed since that vaccination and entering the EU member state; they:
 - a. Do not require implantation of another ISO compatible microchip, but are required to carry with them a microchip reader/wand capable of reading the non-ISO compatible microchip implanted in their pet
 - b. Do not require administration of another rabies vaccination before traveling as long as the rabies vaccination received is still valid
 - c. Can have an ISO compatible microchip implanted in their pet so they do not have to carry the reader/wand with them
 - d. If ISO compatible microchip implanted, they do not have to receive another rabies vaccination following this second microchip implantation. They are only required to document both chips on the required forms with their implantation dates

4) Documentation:

- a. Verify the correct required documentation with your local USDA office):
- b. APHIS Form 7001 (Nov 2010)
 - i. Acquired from any Army veterinarian, local veterinarian or USDA office (a) Valid for only 30 days after issuance.
 - ii. Timeframe the form is valid can be shortened per the requirements of the Airline the service member is traveling on
 - iii. Requires certification by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian, Army Veterinarian, or GS 0701 Veterinarian before travel
 - iv. This form is not required to enter the European Union (EU). However, it's highly recommended that service members acquire this form before travel from their on-base Army veterinarian to preclude the following:
 1. If a member flies on a commercial carrier they may be required to have this form
 2. If a member is scheduled to fly Patriot Express and somehow has to divert to a commercial carrier, having this form in advance alleviates last minute costs (\$200) or delays.
- c. EU Non-Commercial Pet Form (Bilingual Health Certificate):
 - i. This form is not required to travel on Patriot Express
 - ii. See link Under Pets heading Pets Dog, Cats, and Ferrets)
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_italy.shtml
 - iii. Valid for 10 days to enter European Union and 4 months once inside the European Union.

- iv. Timeframe the form is valid can be shortened per the requirements of the Airline the service member is traveling on
- v. Requires certification by a USDA Accredited Veterinarian, Army Veterinarian, or GS 0701 Veterinarian before travel.

5) Helpful Hints:

- a. As soon as you know you are going to travel and no later than 22 days prior to travel, get your pet microchipped first and then vaccinated for rabies if you have not already done so.
- b. A VALID RABIES VACCINE MUST OCCUR AFTER THE MICROCHIP IS IMPLANTED
 - i. This will ensure the required 21 days has elapsed post vaccination prior to travel
 - ii. When completing your required documentation (before you mail the forms or travel to your local USDA office to get them certified, if not using your on base Army veterinarian), fax or over-night ship them to your local USDA office to ensure they are filled out correctly before traveling to their office.
 - iii. This will ensure you do not waste travel time or postage only to have to redo the paperwork
 - iv. Many overseas bases have a full-time veterinarian on staff as well as commercial veterinarians available on the economy.
- c. The pet cage or carrier (See carrier shipping rules for correct cage dimensions based on pet size) used for shipping the pet must be labeled with the owner's name, pet's name, owners (or nominated persons) address, contact number and contact number in Italy.
- d. Since 21 Apr 2001, Germany has had a law in place prohibiting importation of certain dog breeds regarded as dangerous. For more information consult http://www1.zoll.de/english_version/a0_passenger_traffic/e0_vub/h0_dangerous_dogs/index.html. You may also contact the base veterinarian at your destination.

6) Unauthorized Pets:

- a. The import of Pit bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers and their crossbreeding is prohibited.

7) Fees:

- a. The USDA form certification fee (approximately \$70+, plus any shipping and handling if by mail)
- b. Transporting pets to and from the PCS destination is at the member's expense and cost is based on the size of the pet being transported. Connecting flights may have fees in addition to AMC fees from BWI.
- c. EFFECTIVE 1 February 2013, The fee for the import examination is 55 Euro.
- d. (4) All pet requirements are at the member's expense

Privately Owned Firearms (POFs) and Bladed Instruments

- 1) Shipping of any kind of weapon is prohibited.
- 2) POF includes any weapons that is designed for or can be readily converted to be used for attack, defense, sports, games or hunting by driving a projectile through the barrel. This includes:
 - a. air pistols
 - b. air rifles
 - c. firing replicas of antique firearms.
 - d. spring-opening knives,
 - e. fixed bowie knives
 - f. straight-edge razors
 - g. brass knuckles
 - h. blackjack devices
 - i. cans with sharpened points
 - j. pipes
 - k. chains
 - l. slings
 - m. metal spheres
 - n. any other like weapon which may be used for offending a person is forbidden.
- 3) Italian law states that pocket knives may be carried, but the blade must not exceed two inches in length.

Privately Owned Vehicles (POVs)

- 1) SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:
 - a. There are no restrictions as to color, age, dimensions, or special lighting of POVs imported.
 - b. Vehicles must be in mechanically safe operating condition and each must undergo a detailed safety inspection.
 - c. Vehicles that do not conform to the mechanical and safety standards may be denied a decal and/or temporary pass for operation aboard the military installation.
 - d. Common causes of POV inspection failures in Italy are:
 - i. Brakes: A POV must have two separate means of applying brakes. The failure of one braking system must not affect the other.
 - ii. Horns: A POV must be equipped with horns capable of being heard at least 200 feet.
 - iii. Lights: All installed lights must be operational. The tail lights or a separate lamp must illuminate the rear license plate. Backup lights must function when the transmission is engaged in reverse gear. All POVs except light motorcycles or mopeds 50cc or less will be equipped with directional signals.
 - iv. Tires: All tires must have at least 1mm tread over the complete tire surface. No re-grooved tires are allowed; the tires must be mounted

on the drive wheels of the vehicle, unless the POV is equipped with snow tires. Tires extending laterally beyond the fenders are prohibited.

- v. Windshield Wipers: Must be operational and the blades serviceable.
- vi. License Plates Mounts: All vehicles require front and rear license plate mounts.
- vii. Others: Faulty exhaust system, exterior condition (missing fenders, broken windows, etc.), missing mirrors, and improper wheel alignment (wheels that cannot be turned from full right to full left without jamming or rubbing part of the vehicle).

2) VPC:

a. Livorno, Italy Requirements:

- i. Extremely important that the owner's name shown on the title of the vehicle or the current vehicle registration must match the name of the person registering the POV.
- ii. The Italian customs does not accept a power of attorney from any person other than the person whose name is shown on the title of the vehicle or the current vehicle registration to register a POV.

b. AVIANO REQUIREMENTS:

- i. All POVs operating on Aviano Air Base will conform to POV Safety Standards outlined in Aviano Instruction 24-307 (available on the Aviano Air Base Web-Page (https://avo-intranet/LogReadiness/_html/lgrvm_pov_main.htm)).
- ii. Personnel assigned to Aviano AB are NOT authorized shipment of any Off-Road vehicle to this location regardless of the cc's.

3) POV DOCUMENTATION:

- a. Duty-free clearance of POV and/or motorcycle/moped shipped as a POV is arranged by military terminal personnel at the port of entry.
- b. It is imperative that the DD 788 or DD 788-2 clearly states the correct chassis and license of the vehicle imported.
- c. Ensure that the advance copy of the DD 788 or DD 788-2 is mailed to the destination ITO/TMO prior to shipment arrival and retain a legible copy of the DD 788 or 788-2 for both automobile and/or moped/motorcycle shipped as POV.
- d. It is extremely important that the owner's name shown on the title of the vehicle or the current vehicle registration must match the name of the person registering the POV.
 - i. The Italian customs does not accept a power of attorney from any person other than the person whose name is shown on the title of the vehicle or the current vehicle registration to register a POV.

4) The Italian Ministry of Finance (Customs) authorizes DOD military and civilian employees to import, free of duty taxes, no more than three privately-owned motor vehicles including motorcycles for personal and/or family member's use.

- a. However, only **one** is authorized at government expense.

- 5) For registration and licensing of a vehicle that exceeds 50cc personnel must be 18 years of age and possess a valid operators permit for the imported automobile or motorcycle.
- 6) For motorcycles that exceed 350cc personnel registering must be 18 years of age.

Motorcycles/Mopeds

- 1) To drive motorbikes, starting 19 January 2013, there are three different kinds of driver's licenses: A1, A2, or A.
 - a. A1 driver's license can be obtain with 16 years of age and allows driving small motorbikes.
 - b. A2 driver's license it is an intermediate license slightly different from the one that was released prior than 19 January 2013 because allows, from 18 years of age on, to drive motorbikes which have a slightly higher power.
 - c. A3 driver's license, no limits driver's license, allows driving all kinds of motorbikes but now, it can be obtained only after 24 years of age.
 - i. The age limit can be lowered to 20 provided that an A2 driver's license has been issued to the driver for at least two years.
- 2) The driver who already has the B driver's license, to obtain the A driver's license only need to take the practical exam.
- 3) To start driving a motorbike prior than 24 years of age, it is then possible to obtain A1 driver's license starting with 16 years of age or A2 driver's license starting from 18 years of age.
- 4) It is important to underline the fact that the concept of loss of limits does not exist anymore:
 - a. to pass from one category to the other it is always necessary to take the corresponding practical exam.
 - b. CONTACT the destination TMO/ITO before shipping your motorcycle!
- 5) All mopeds, motorbikes, and motor scooters shipped with HHG are entered duty free, but must be licensed and registered with the motor vehicle registration office prior to use on the road.
- 6) Plates will be not issued for those less than 50 cc.
- 7) To operate any motorcycle, or other two wheeled vehicles the registered owner/operator must be 18 years of age and have a motorcycle endorsement on the stateside license.
- 8) Before registration and licensing all individuals must show evidence of successfully completing an approved motorcycle safety course.
- 9) To effectively clear customs by local port officials, all mopeds/motorcycles shipped with HHG must be packed in a separate container (Container # 1).
- 10) Inventory must include:
 - a. Type
 - b. Year
 - c. Make of Motorcycle/Moped
 - d. Serial/Chassis Number

Gasoline/Catalytic Converters

- 1) There is adequate availability of unleaded gas to accommodate the operation of catalyst-equipped POVs.
- 2) Members shipping a POV to Italy no longer must remove their catalytic converter to participate in the DOD Importation Control Program.
- 3) There are no approved facilities for removing/refitting catalytic converters.

Insurance and Safety Requirements

- 1) Insurance is required to operate all vehicles on Italian highways.
- 2) Automobile insurance for the Naples area is expensive. Cost depends on make, model, and year of vehicle with the annual premium for minimum coverage costing up to \$4,000.00 per year.
- 3) Vehicles cannot be released for registration and use, without proof of valid insurance.
- 4) Liability insurance with equivalent dollar minimum of 100,000-50,000-10,000 is currently required.
- 5) Individuals who retain this coverage with US companies must possess a valid insurance green card.
- 6) Insurance is available on the local economy.

Transmitting Equipment

CBs

Importation is strictly prohibited.

Other

- 1) Strongly recommend that member/employee carefully select those items needed to establish living comfort, considering economy and government lease quarters are in almost all cases, smaller than those found in US.
- 2) Storage space in these quarters is very limited.
- 3) Ranges, refrigerators, washers, dryers, kitchen cabinets, and wardrobes should not be shipped as these items are provided by family housing.
- 4) Non-temporary storage of items shipped is **not** authorized.