Czech Republic Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Passport
- Packing list
- Inventory list
- Copy of lease agreement
- Letter of employment
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Czech ID card (instead of a lease agreement for Czech nationals)
- Customs import declaration provided by the local embassy (diplomats)

Specific Information

• Shipments are duty free if documentation requirements are met.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Passport
- Packing list

- Inventory list
- Copy of lease agreement
- Letter of employment
- Czech ID card (instead of rental contract for Czech nationals)
- Vehicle title
- Original OBL / AWB
- Purchase invoice
- Vehicle operations manual

Specific Information

- Vehicles must pass a Czech technical inspection (STK).
- Vehicles passing inspection will be issued a certificate valid for 3 months to allow time for registration; the operations manual and technical specifications of the vehicle are required.
- Persons residing in the Czech Republic for more than 12 months must register motor vehicles.
- Vehicles must be less than 5 years old for some types of vehicles and 8 years old for others.
- The import tax is CZK 10,000; however, an import tax is not required if the owner of the goods has resided abroad for at least 12 months and has used it within the 6 months prior to importation.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

Specific Information

• Pets must be identifiable through tattoo or an electronic identification system.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Coats, fur, leather shoes made of animal products from protected species (authorization required).
- Medication for personal use only is permitted.
- Limits by land: cigarettes (40), cigarillos (20), cigars (10), smoking tobacco (50 g)
- Limits by air or sea: cigarettes *200), cigarillos (100), cigars (50), smoking tobacco (250 g)
- Items for personal use of a non-commercial nature may be imported within the limits indicated:
 - Air or sea: 430 euro

- Land: 300 euro
- Age 15 and younger 150 euro
- There are no restrictions currently from another EU country; other countries must not exceed 10,000 euro.
- Food products may be permitted if in original sealed container; check with destination agent for further details.

Prohibited Items

- Meat and dairy products from non-EU countries; some exceptions apply.
- Protected species and products identified by CITES (e.g., ivory, tortoise shells, etc.).

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Helpful Website(s):

https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/czech-republic.html

http://www.mzv.cz/washington

https://cz.usembassy.gov/

Cultural and Other Information

CIA World Factbook Entry for Czech Republic

Wikipedia Entry for Czech Republic