# All the Right Moves The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus











## Britannia

## Importing Goods Into The T.R.N.C.

#### **Importing Personal Effects**

Shipments of household goods and personal effects are allowed duty free entry, provided that they have been owned and used for at least twelve months prior to importation. All necessary documentation must be completed and submitted when requested, before your shipment is dispatched. Please note that you must be in the country in order to successfully complete all customs clearance procedures.

#### **Documentation**

Britannia and our agents will assist you with completion of customs formalities. To assist us with this please let us have a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable).

The required documentation will be supplied to you on arrival. To avoid any potential additional charges and delays it is advisable that relevant forms are completed and returned promptly to our Agents.

#### **Prohibitions and Restrictions**

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

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





#### **Transit Times**

Groupage or shared consignments usually take 8-12 weeks door to door. However, this can vary depending on volumes being shipped, customs or immigration delays and prevailing weather conditions. Sole use containers usually take 6-7 weeks door to door.

#### **Computer Tracking**

Through satellite and computer technology we are able to monitor the progress of your consignment.

#### **Bar Coding**

All Groupage consignments will be bar coded before they are loaded into the shipping container. This will ensure that no items are left at origin.

#### **Domestic Pets**

Britannia can recommend a specialised shipper of animals to assist you in sending your family pet(s) from home to home. They will coordinate all documentation and necessary veterinary procedures.

#### **Motor Vehicles**

There are few countries outside the EU where it is practical or possible to send motor vehicles. Your local Britannia member will be able to guide you further on this.



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# Welcome To Britannia In Northern Cyprus

#### **Customs clearance**

It normally takes five to ten days for customs clearance and delivery. The time taken to clear goods through customs can be affected by government policy, x-raying of goods, physical inspection, volume of traffic and the levy of any import duties or taxes. You will need to visit customs in Lefkosa (Nicosia) with our agent in order to complete customs formalities.

#### Britannia in T.R.N.C.

Britannia has established a long standing and successful relationship with a network of dedicated removers, who will assist you with your destination services. Their full contact details will be sent to you prior to the forwarding of your consignment. Our agents are part of our extended Britannia family and we meet with them on a regular basis to ensure high standards of service are maintained.

#### **Storage**

Should you require storage prior to delivery, we recommend that you store the effects in the United Kingdom before dispatch, and ensure that your new home is ready to receive the goods once they are shipped. Please make sure that your marine insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.





#### **Destination Services**

Exclusive containers will most likely be cleared at the residence at time of delivery. Expect to pay customs duties on large electrical items, which must be paid in cash at the residence. It is normal practice to deliver in the evening, so we recommend you ensure good access and lighting at your new home. The effects will be unloaded from the container and delivered into your new home.

#### Insurance

Britannia Movers International is regulated by the Financial Services Authority and accordingly are authorised to provide fully comprehensive marine insurance cover. An insurance pack will be forwarded to you if requested.

#### **On Arrival**

Britannia can offer advice and information on a variety of aspects relating to living in North Cyprus.











# YOUR MOVING GUIDE CHECKLIST

Well in advance Have you done the following?	<ul> <li>Motor vehicles – If you are leaving or selling your vehicle in the UK you must notify the DVLA to avoid complications. If you are shipping your vehicle ensure all relevant paperwork is complete. Please ask Britannia for guidance on this matter</li> <li>□ Driving Licence – Notify DVLA of your emigration and investigate driving licence requirements in your new country</li> <li>□ Currency Exchange* - Have you considered the most efficient and cost effective way of transferring your money to a new country? Please ask us to provide you with a leaflet on our special scheme for Britannia customers</li> </ul>
☐ Booked your move date with Britannia	
☐ Ensured your removal plan fits with your schedule	
☐ Discussed any potential changes with Britannia	
☐ Made us aware of any items requiring extra care	
☐ Made arrangements to ship your pets with a specialist company	
☐ Booked your flights to your new country (if applicable)	
☐ Disposed of items not to be shipped	
In advance Have you notified the following of changes to your	□ Do you need to have your mail forwarded to a friend/relative's address in the UK?
personal details?	☐ Passports - Have you provided Britannia with
☐ Telecoms provider (Mobile + Landline)	copies of passports/visas (if required) for all family members/people moving with you?
☐ Satellite company	
☐ Electricity supplier	Shortly before you go
☐ Gas/Oil supplier	Have you completed these final tasks?
☐ Water company	☐ Disconnected all appliances
☐ Local Council	☐ Defrosted and cleaned fridges and freezers
☐ TV Licencing	☐ Cancelled all regular deliveries (papers/milk)
☐ Bank & Mortgage providers	☐ Picked up all items from dry cleaners
☐ HP/Credit Cards/Loan Companies	
Have you considered the following?	<ul> <li>Ensured all vaccinations and medication have been acquired from your GP</li> </ul>
☐ Doctor – Have you taken advice on transferring your medical records, or advice on medical care in	☐ Checked drawers/trunks/lofts for any items that have been overlooked
your new country?	☐ Taken down any curtains or blinds
☐ Dentist/Optician – As above	☐ Created a 'do not remove' area in the house for
☐ Education – Transferred or obtained academic records of your children and investigated educational services in your new country	personal baggage items not to be included in your shipment such as handbags, keys, passports, tickets and all luggage
☐ Insurance – Have you discussed your emigration with all of your insurance providers?	□ Packed small valuables separately and left with essentials pile in a secure location e.g. jewellery, watches, money etc.
☐ Income Tax/National Insurance – Have you informed your local tax office of your emigration?	□ Confirmed service meter readings and keep records

provider(s)?

☐ Pension(s) – Have you informed your Pension

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☐ Switched off power and water supplies

(if necessary)

<sup>\*</sup> Britannia's currency exchange scheme is via our partners Currencies Direct - please ask for more details.

