



## Canary Islands

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

#### Documents required for EU SHIPMENTS are:

- OBL OR AWB + T2L form FOR surface shipments – **BOTH ORIGINALS**,
- copy of clients passport,
- inventory in Spanish with values and signed by client,
- ORIGINAL (for Tenerife) Certificate taken residence in the island (showing exact date when client took residency and must not exceed 1 year) **VERY IMPORTANT** It must be **CLEARLY MENTION** "for customs purposes" (that is, "a efectos de aduana" in Spanish) and where clients is coming from, as otherwise certificate won't be valid
- Residence Permit Card -NIE (for foreigners) : Regarding this document – this is the one clients have more problems with as when client arrives they apply for it and they are given a **PROVISIONAL** number, but **this number is not valid** for Customs. After a time depending on the city in the Islands – this can take aprox 1 month maybe more to get **final NIE number** which is the correct one and which Customs asks for. Once client obtains this number after client will need to apply for the Residence Card which can take months to obtain – but which IS **NECESSARY FOR** Customs.
- **VERY IMPORTANT clients must make sure Residence Permit NIE is registered in Treasury Department filling in Form 031.**

**VERY IMPORTANT - Goods must be imported no later than a year after Residence Permit is obtained aswell as Certificate Taken Residence.**

For vehicles - all documents covering for vehicle, with actual insurance and number plates on – Vehicle must have been in clients name for at 6 months before importing and must meet EU Standards.

**\*\* IMPORTANT – You must make clear to clients that these are the documents normally requested, but its out of our hands if Customs decides to ask for more documents at destination which they sometimes do.**