

Ukrainian Customs Procedures for Transporting Currencies, Monetary Instruments, or Precious Metals

According to Ukrainian law, foreign citizens bringing more than \$10,000 in cash or \$50,000 in checks into Ukraine must obtain a special license (all cash should be declared upon entry into the country). Amounts of less than \$10,000 in cash or \$50,000 in checks can be imported without this license.

No procedures are currently in place to request the license prior to arrival in Ukraine. Upon entering the country, Ukrainian Customs officials will keep any amount over \$10,000 and give you a receipt for this amount. Once you have obtained a license from the National Bank of Ukraine, Customs officials will release the balance of the funds to you.

For amounts between \$10,000 and \$25,000, contact the local branch of the National Bank of Ukraine at 2-A Kontractova Str., Kyiv, Ukraine, tel: 230-16-80.

For sums over \$25,000, contact the National Bank of Ukraine at 9 Instytutska Str., Kyiv, Ukraine, Tel: 293-54-30.

The following documents should be submitted to the National Bank of Ukraine in order to obtain this license:

1. The applicant's contact address and phone number;
2. A written statement requesting a license;
3. A photocopy of the applicant's passport;
4. A photocopy of the applicant's customs declaration;
5. A photocopy of the receipt from the Customs office which is holding the excess cash;
6. A photocopy of the foreign bank's withdrawal slip (from the bank from which the money was withdrawn).

Mail or deliver these documents to:

01008 Kyiv
9, Instytutska Str.
National Bank of Ukraine
Attn: Shapovalov Anatoliy Vasylyovych
Deputy Chief of the Head of the Bank.

The license will be ready approximately in 3-4 business days.

Precious metals weighing less than 100 g (per traveler regardless of age) can be imported to Ukraine provided they are declared. To import more than 100 g of precious metals you will have to obtain the license from the National Bank of Ukraine following the same procedure used for amounts of cash exceeding \$10,000.