

DOCUMENTATION

On commercial shipments to Italy, irrespective of the value or mode of transport, the documents required are:

- Air Waybill (9 copies on standard International International Air Transportation Association (IATA) forms)
- Commercial invoice (3 signed copies. Give detailed information such as weights, origin, values and all expenses. Sign in ink by hand of shipper and send to importer. No special form.)
- Bill of Landing (make out "To order"; state country of origin)
- Certificates of origin (3, if requested, and obtainable from commercial stationers. Show the merchandise value).
- Shipper's Export Declaration (4 copies)
- Special Certificates (see above)

Documents in English or French are acceptable.

IMPORT LICENSES

Import licenses are required for only a few items. When needed, they are issued by the Ministry of Finance, under instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Trade, and the expiration date and other particulars are stated on the license. Certain imports also require the prior "visa" of the National Foreign Institute. For imports over 50,000,000 lira in value, an import document completed by an authorized bank is required (this is an exchange control form).