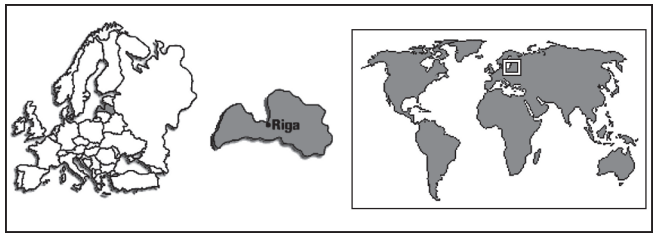
Latvia (LV)

Amounts shown are expressed in Euro (EUR)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Riga (RIX)
- Local Time : GMT + 2
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT + 3: Starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.
- ☎ Country Code : + 371
- Local Currency : Euro (EUR)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
04 May 2015
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24 Jun 2015
18 Nov 2015
25 Dec 2015
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- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.

- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: Live
  - System name: Import Control System (ICS) and Export Control System (ECS)
  - Pre-registration to file data: Required
  - Scope: Import, Export, Transit, Transhipment cargo
  - Party responsible for filing: For imports, the incoming carrier. For exports, when an Exit Summary Declaration (EXS) is required, the outgoing carrier.
  - Deadline - shorthaul (imports): For flights less than four hours, the deadline is before take-off from foreign airport
  - Deadline - longhaul (imports): At least four hours prior to arrival
  - Deadline (exports): At least 30 minutes prior to departure
  - How to submit information: For imports, an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) is sent electronically through the ICS. For exports, an AEI transmission of data for security risk assessment of cargo may be incorporated into the export declaration. If the security data has not been included in the export declaration, an exit AEI declaration (EXS) is required.
  - Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/ecip/

  Note:
  if data are not sent in advance, goods have to be declared immediately on arrival at the border, which can delay the customs clearance of consignments at the border pending the results of risk analysis for safety and security purposes.

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

- **Security**
  ACC3
  (EC Regulation 185/2010 on Cargo Security)

  Since February 1, 2012, all air carriers carrying cargo or mail from a non-EU country to the EU must be designated as an "Air Cargo or Mail Carrier operating into the Union from a Third Country Airport" (ACC3) by an EU Member State. A list of exempted countries is relieved from this requirement.

  In order to obtain ACC3 designation, a carrier should
  - Ensure its security program integrates necessary EU security requirements for cargo and mail loaded onto its aircraft at any third country airport for carriage into the EU.
  - Nominate a person who has overall responsibility for implementation of cargo and mail security.
  - Submit a "Declaration of Commitments" to the appropriate EU Member State authority.

  ACC3 designation is to be obtained for every non-EU airport station from which the air carrier flies cargo and/or mail into the EU, unless an exemption applies.

  Carriers are responsible for ensuring all cargo or mail is screened or comes from a secure supply chain regulated agent (RA), known consignor (KC), account consignor (AC) before entering EU airspace.

  For designation as ACC3, carriers should contact the appropriate authority, as follows:
  - For EU carriers - the Member State that issued the AOC.
  - For non-EU carriers - the Member State listed in the Annex to Regulation 394/2011 (ETS).
  - For non-listed carriers - the Member State in which you have your major base of operations in the EU.

  By July 1, 2014, air carriers need to
  - Ensure that on-site airport station verification of cargo and mail security measures has been carried out by an EU aviation security validator.
  - Ensure that its business relations with regulated agents and known consignors are independently validated by an EU aviation security validator, after which a database should be maintained with details of the RA, KC and AC they are accepting cargo from.
    This regulation includes additional measures for High Risk Cargo, defined as cargo originating from a list of specific countries.

  On-site validations will take place either at each airport from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU, or, with conditions applied, at a representative number of airports from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU. Each successful security validation will require revalidation on a 5 year cycle.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Riga - RIX**
  Tel: +371 29311187 (Airport information Centre)
  +371 6 720 7043 (Customs)
  Fax: +371 6 766 8301
  Email: office@riga-airport.com
  Website: www.riga-airport.com
  SITA: RIXRG7X

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Available.

1.2.2. Storage
Cool/cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radioactive materials: Not available.
Room for live animals: Available.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Customs open 09.00 - 21.00 hours daily.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
It is possible to re-forward shipments from Riga International Airport to another customs warehouse if guarantee letter from other customs bonded warehouse is written and pre-arrangements have been made.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.4. Language on Documents
English.

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

If consignee is a company following documents are needed:

- Letter of attorney for customs and warehouse.
- Air Waybill.
- Commercial invoice.

If consignee is a private person following documents are needed:

- Air Waybill.
- Commercial invoice.
- Passport or identification card.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

A consignment of live animals or product of animal origin can only enter into the EU, if it has satisfactorily undergone the specific checks and a Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) is issued.
Veterinary Check post at Riga Airport can not provide required check for live animals and all kinds of animal products, so it is forbidden to send Live animals into Riga on a direct flight from non-EU countries.
Animals can enter Latvia via Riga Airport only if they are imported into Riga via any EU Airport where an EU Veterinary check has been done.
The same applies to Food and non-Food Animal products from non-EU countries.
Exceptions: salmon products from Norway, Frozen products.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Health Certificate and Certificate of Origin required.
For shipments coming on direct flights from non-EU countries containing non-animal origin food/feed, fresh vegetables or fruit additional notification: “Prior notification of import of non-animal origin food /feed in European Union” is required. It have to be filled by shipper or it’s agent and it must be attached to the documentation, the form you can find here http://www.pvd.gov.lv/eng/left_menu/border_control/the_types_of_the_controls_and_/food_safety_control1/prior_notification_of_import_o
Inspection upon arrival is done by Food and Veterinary Service for every shipment. More information about Border Control you can find here http://www.pvd.gov.lv/eng/left_menu/border_control/
Prohibitions:
It is forbidden to send shipments to Latvia from non-EU countries on not-fumigated pallets.
Each shipment packed on pallet have to be packed on fumigated pallet. Pallets must be marked with fumigation mark, only these pallets will be accepted entering EU.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Import Permit from Ministry of the Interior is required.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Applicable regulations:
http://www.pvd.gov.lv/eng/left_menu/border_control/the_types_of_the_controls_and_/nonfood_safety/

2.5. Charges

2.5.3. Clearance

Customs declaration 7.00-12.00

2.5.4. Documentation

Import charge (may be different depending on handling agent):

Up to 135 kg., per shipment.....	15.71
Over 135 kg., per shipment, per kg.	0.12

2.5.6. Storage

(May be different depending on handling agent)

72 hours from notification	free
After 72 hours, per day, per kg.	0.18

Maximum storage for 20 days, all rates including taxes

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.2. Documentary Requirements

3.2.5. Other consignments

- **Plants and plant material**
  Phythosanitary Certificate, Certificate of origin.
  Prior notification according to:
  http://www.pvd.gov.lv/eng/left_menu/border_control/the_types_of_the_controls_and_/food_safety_control1/prior_notification_of_import_o
- **Narcotics and Drugs**
  Applicable regulations:
  http://www.pvd.gov.lv/eng/left_menu/border_control/the_types_of_the_controls_and_/nonfood_safety/

3.3. Restrictions

3.3.2. Live animals

For shipments from non-EU to EU:
Due to it is impossible to make veterinary check for Live Animals and food or non-food animal products at Riga Int. Airport coming on flights from non-EU countries, the veterinary check must be done at first possible EU airport. Transit time at Riga Intl. Airport in this case must be less than 12 hours.

3.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Restrictions for Military goods and goods of strategic significance
EU shipments in transit via Latvia:
All goods specified in the Common Military List of the European Union, Annex 1 to Regulation No 1334/2000 must have an export or import license copy attached to documents.
Non-EU shipments in transit via Latvia:
All goods specified in the Common Military List of the European Union, Annex 1 to Regulation No 1334/2000 and all goods of strategic significance specified in the National List of Goods and Services of Strategic Significance of the Republic of Latvia must have a transit licence for goods of strategic significance issued by the Committee of Strategic Goods Export Control of the Republic of Latvia attached to documents. Before shipping it is recommended to check required documentation directly with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Strategic Goods export Control Division, more information and contacts can be found on the following website:
http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/security/Directions/ExportControl/

3.5. Charges

None.

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