



Customs Guide **FRANCE**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Removal goods for the principal residence (from countries outside the EU).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passport copy. ▪ Detailed inventory list in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. ▪ Certificate of non-resale. ▪ Certificate of change of residence by the French Consulate stipulating the date of arrival in the country and the date of change of residence (during the last 12 months). ▪ Certificate of transfer done on a letterhead by the employer with date of employment in the origin country and date of transfer (during the last 12 months). ▪ Proof of residence in France (electricity, phone bills). ▪ Two originals (three in case of transit) of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01): declaration of duty exemption entry of personal effects coming from a country outside the EU. ▪ Standard copies are available at the French customs offices or on internet. 	<p>Duty free entry, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The importer has had his domicile for at least one year outside the EU. ▪ Personal effects and vehicles have been used by the importer for at least 6 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of transfer of residence. ▪ If goods come in separate consignments, they must all be shown on the first inventory list deposited with Customs. ▪ Goods must remain with the importer's possession for at least 12 months from the date of importation. ▪ Personal goods can circulate freely within the European Community. However, some particularly sensitive items remain subject to regulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The list of these products has been established to take account of health, security, consumption, environment, and cultural considerations. ▪ For moves from outside the EU, if documents are missing and the importer needs his household effects immediately, you can ask the customs office for information on the existing possibilities. ▪ The importer may authorise another person to handle the formalities on his behalf. ▪ The customs duties are to be paid in cash or with bank or postal cheques. If the payment is made by cheque, the cheque must be certified by your bank. ▪ The customs supplies on request of the importer a free trade card "carte de libre

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			circulation" for example for camera, lens, radio, etc. This document proves the correct condition of the objects during a 10-year period.
Personal effects or furniture for a secondary residence (from countries outside the EU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Authorisation certificate from the Regional Customs Directorate of the secondary residence area, upon request in triplicate, together with detailed inventory in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. ▪ Evidence of ownership or renting. ▪ Evidence of the normal residence abroad. ▪ Bill of transport and insurance of the removal goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty and VAT 20% are due. 	
Wedding trousseaux & gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marriage certificate (or family record book). ▪ A copy of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01). ▪ Detailed valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trousseaux and household effects including new items. ▪ Presents received by the person transferring residency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs duty free for items with a unit value less than 1000 euros. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The required documents for the duty free entry must be remitted within 2 months before and 4 months after the date of the marriage. ▪ Deposit of a guarantee may be required
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate from an official authority or a notary stating that the imported goods are obtained by inheritance and giving the inventory. ▪ Detailed and valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. ▪ Documents showing that the importer has his residence in France. ▪ A non-resale form signed by the importer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry for inheritance goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The goods must be imported within two years of becoming the possession of the importer.

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Motor vehicles - cars	In addition to the documents mentioned in "Removal goods": <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original certificate of title at shipper's name (no leasing is authorised). ▪ Copy of the vehicle purchase invoice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry as per "removal goods for the principal residence". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both additional documents should be issued at least 6 months before the ETD of the vehicles and the shipper must have lived for at least 12 months in the origin country.
Raw materials semi-finished products		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties. 	
Tobacco & related products		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties. 	
Alcohol		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties. ▪ In regards to importation of alcohol, diplomats are considered as 'private persons' and consequently subject to the same rules. Importation of alcohol is consequently subject to duties. 	
Important cellar provisions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties. 	
Medicine, narcotics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Authorisation from the Ministry of Health (Direction de la Pharmacie et du Médicament, 1, Place Fontenoy, 75700-Paris). 		
Arms, ammunition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import permit issued by Directorate General of Customs (bureau D 3, 23bis, rue de l'Université, 75007 PARIS). 		
Domestic animals (dogs, cats, birds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health certificate issued by an official veterinary surgeon. 		<p>Conditions to import animals to France:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Domestic animals originating from EU and/or a country outside the EU. ▪ Wild animals subject to extinction threat.



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