

# Customs guide FRANCE

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods for the principal residence (from countries outside the EU).</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passport copy.</li> <li>▪ Detailed inventory list in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of non-resale.</li> <li>▪ 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).</li> <li>▪ 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).</li> <li>▪ Proof of residence in France (electricity, phone bills).</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ Standard copies are available at the French customs offices or on internet.</li> </ul>	<p>Duty free entry, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The importer has had his domicile for at least one year outside the EU.</li> <li>▪ Personal effects and vehicles have been used by the importer for at least 6 months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of transfer of residence.</li> <li>▪ If goods come in separate consignments, they must all be shown on the first inventory list deposited with Customs.</li> <li>▪ Goods must remain with the importer's possession for at least 12 months from the date of importation.</li> <li>▪ Personal goods can circulate freely within the European Community. However, some particularly sensitive items remain subject to regulation.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The list of these products has been established to take account of health, security, consumption, environment, and cultural considerations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ The importer may authorise another person to handle the formalities on his behalf.</li> <li>▪ 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.</li> <li>▪ The customs supplies on request of the importer a free trade card "carte de libre</li> </ul>

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

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