



Importing Personal Property Into Ireland

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are subject to inspection. Used household goods and personal effects including tools/instruments of trade or profession are duty free if owned abroad for at least six months, and are for the owner's continued use and are not for resale. Customers arriving from outside of the European Community must have lived in their original residence for twelve continuous months. The customer must intend to reside in Ireland for a minimum of 185 days.

Customer may import household goods and personal effects six months prior to Transfer of Residence and up to 12 months after.

NOTE: As of 19 August 2010 an EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number is required for all imports and exports to clear Customs in the European Union.

The requirement was introduced by the European Commission in July 2009 to enhance security. The EORI number must be used in all electronic communications with Customs Offices and other government agencies and departments. This number is valid in all EU member states and replaces ALL Customs identification numbers including the TIN (Traders Identification Number). All business operators and private individuals not established in the EU must obtain the EORI number from the authorities in the respective EU member state wherein the client intends to operate or reside. Please consult with your Destination Agent for further details and assistance.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport including photo page
- ✓ Irish Customs form 1076
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill
- ✓ Detailed Inventory in English, preferable typed and signed (same signature as on 1076 form)
- ✓ Evidence of residence abroad & transfer of the prior residence
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Documentation of lease, rental agreement, letter from landlord or deed in Ireland
- ✓ Evidence of employment in Ireland for at least 2 years

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used. It is important to advise the destination agent of the marks & numbers of packages, vessel's name and port of arrival.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise to be lodged by relevant Embassy
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in English

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ New items – less than six months old
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages – maker, type, proof, year, volume, value and quantity must be on Inventory
- ✓ Tobacco & perfumes
- ✓ Gold & silver – (not including electroplate) require a Statutory Declaration- Form CU 56
- ✓ Inheritance requirements: Import License, copy of the Will or certified relevant extract or copy of Probate. Inventory of items if the Will does not specifically detail the items to be imported
- ✓ Furniture is subject to duty and VAT if they are less than six months old, must be separately on the Transfer of Residence form
- ✓ Presents & souvenirs are subject to duty & VAT

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind – unless a license is obtained from the Justice Department
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Meat products and fresh foods
- ✓ Agricultural goods such as plants, plant products, hay, straw, peat moss etc

IMPORTATION OF PETS

A six month Quarantine is required. This must occur at Lissenhall Quarantine Kennels and Catteries, in Lissenhall, Dublin. A modified form of private quarantine is possible in some circumstances depending on country of origin and other factors. In this event one month of quarantine occurs at the facility and the other in the private residence if approved for the remaining 5 months.

Birds: License required issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for birds coming from all countries. However, for birds of the parrot species arriving from any country a license is required issued jointly by the Health Department and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

NOTE: it is imperative to make kennel reservations well in advance of the move as space is limited. Pets arriving at port of entry without a reservation will be returned to the country of origin.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Import License from Dept of Agriculture or Pet Passport issued under the European Parliament
- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated less than 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated less than 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Proof of microchip – tattoos are not sufficient

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

All vehicles are inspected and the owner must be present at Customs during the process. Vehicles including motorcycles may only be imported once the customer is in Ireland. Vehicles are tax and duty free if they have been in the owner's possession and used for at least six months prior to importation and are part of the owner's personal property. Vehicles must be imported within 12 months of the owner's Transfer of Residence. Vehicles cannot be sold or disposed of for one year after date of importation.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original, must show proof of paying tax on the vehicle
- ✓ Irish Customs form 1076
- ✓ Original vehicle document stating owner's name, engine & chassis numbers

- ✓ Current insurance and a policy dated at least 6 months prior

The shipper does not qualify for relief of Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) if:

- He/She lived abroad primarily for pursuing an education
- He/She worked abroad for less than 1 year & personal ties remained in Ireland
- He/She worked abroad for more than 1 year

NOTES:

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Ireland does not require ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM). Hay & straw is prohibited in packing materials.

Returning US Citizens: US citizens should register foreign made personal articles: such as electronic & stereo equipment, computer equipment & watches, etc with US Customs prior to Transfer of Residence to the EC to avoid paying duty upon returning to the US. Returning US residents can bring \$300.00USD worth of new goods duty free and a flat rate of 10% on the next 600.00 worth of goods.

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Emerald Movers, International: www.emerald movers.com

FIDI Global Alliance

www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.