



## *Importing Personal Property Into Sweden*

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

##### **Customs Regulations:**

Client must be in Sweden and have a registered domicile to be allowed duty exemption. Client must be in Sweden at time of Customs Clearance but is not required to be present during the process. A physical exam is not generally required but Customs Authority may require one. Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for at least six months and client has lived abroad for at least one year. Used goods and personal effects must not be intended for commercial use or for the use of others. In the event the household goods shipment arrives before the client, the goods can be bonded at the Destination Agent's warehouse or a Swedish Freeport. Goods must arrive within 1 year of client's arrival (foreigners).

**Returning Nationals;** goods must arrive in conjunction with their return to Sweden.

Any additional costs will be charged to the customer. Terms "Misc" or "PBO" (packed by owner) are unacceptable. Improperly completed Inventory could lead to an inspection by Customs Authority and subsequent charges will be incurred.

**NOTE:** All business operators and private individuals not established in the EU must obtain the EORI number (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) 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 - copy
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – in Swedish, English or German; detail of contents of each box
- ✓ Letter of Employment – stating a minimum of a 1 year contract in Sweden
- ✓ Lease Agreement - a minimum of 1 year agreement
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Swedish Customs Form "Foersaekran" - TV 740.41 or 42 – notarized, signed original

##### **Returning Citizens:**

- ✓ Letter of Employment – stating a minimum of a 1 year contract in origin country

##### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used.

##### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Customs Form TV 740.22 - obtained from Swedish Foreign Department
- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory –in Swedish, German or English, detail contents of each box

## RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Firearms & ammunitions – Import License issued by Swedish Police required prior to arrival & also present a European Firearms Pass issued in the country of residence.
- ✓ Medication – physicians prescription is required, only a 5 day supply allowed
- ✓ Mobile phones – must comply with Swedish standards
- ✓ Wedding trousseaux – requires marriage certificate (copy)
- ✓ Inheritance – requires a Will or certified extract thereof (copy) & inventory of items if not specified in the document
- ✓ New items (less than 1 yr) & furniture – require receipts, subject to duty & VAT
- ✓ Alcohol & Tobacco products – requires a separate inventory, subject to taxes; inclusion of alcohol causes delays, subject to destruction at Customs discretion; contact Destination Agent for details
- ✓ Plants – requires a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Plant Protection Service
- ✓ Products made from animals – requires permission; contact Destination Agent for details

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Mobile phones – must comply with Swedish regulations; consult Destination Agent
- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Switch blades, swords, explosives and similar weapons including fireworks
- ✓ Skins, furs, tusks & ivory from animals on the Endangered Species List
- ✓ Radioactive materials

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Client must be present during Customs clearance. Quarantine for cats and dogs is required at a government approved facility for up to 4 months if coming from a non EU/EFTA country.

Birds: canary birds require an Import License from the Swedish Veterinary Board.

As requirements are subject to change visit [www.sjv.se](http://www.sjv.se) for more detailed information.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccinations – including distemper, leptospirosis & rabies with antibody titer
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated no more than 10 days prior to arrival by a licensed Veterinarian
- ✓ Deworming Certificate – against Echinococcus within 10 days of importation
- ✓ Import License – issued by the National Board of Agriculture
- ✓ ID Mark – either a legible tattoo or approved microchip

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Client must be present at Customs during clearance of the vehicle. Vehicles not included as part of the household goods shipment are subject to Customs fees, VAT, and duties. Client must have lived outside of Sweden for at least 12 months. Vehicle is not to be sold or disposed of for a period of one year after importation. One vehicle allowed per person.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - (proof of ownership of 1 year prior to importation)
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must state price, date & place of purchase
- ✓ Drivers License & Insurance Policy - from origin
- ✓ “Interim Insurance” – issued by Swedish insurance company
- ✓ Customs Form – separate from household goods

## NOTES:

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** All U.S. citizens should always ensure that passports and important personal papers are in order in the event it becomes necessary to leave the country quickly for any reason.

**Safety & Security:** US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency.

**Crime:** Most crime is personal property theft from vehicles or residential burglary. Pick pocketing and purse snatching is more prevalent; occurring in airports, train stations or buses and main tourist attractions. Sweden has a limited compensation program for victims of violent crime for residents.

**Criminal Penalties:** Possession, using or selling illegal drugs carries a severe penalties, long jail sentences and heavy fines. Sweden has no bail system, so those arrested may be held in custody until the trial is complete.

**Health:** Individuals with disabilities may find accessibilities and accommodations very different from US. The Swedish government continues to implement improvements to public transportation and public buildings. The medical system is state-run. Be prepared to present your passport. Foreign residents requiring medications in Class IV or V may import a 3 month supply with a prescriptions and physician letter. Refer to the Medical Products Agency in Sweden to determine classification and requirements.

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** Sweden has implemented requirements regarding ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Embassy of Sweden: <http://www.swedenabroad.com/>

Department of State: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/sweden.html>

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

USDA: [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

IATA Travel Centre

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