

UNITED KINGDOM

Prohibited and restricted Goods

Controlled Drugs, i.e.: heroin, cocaine etc. Firearms (including gas pistols, electric shock batons and similar weapons), ammunition and explosives. Indecent or obscene video tapes, films, books, magazines and similar articles. Horror comics, flick knives, counterfeit currency, radio transmitters (walkie-talkie, citizen band radios, mobile phones etc) not approved for us in the U.K., meat, poultry and all animal products. Plants, parts thereof and plant produce including trees, shrubs, soil, vegetables, fruit bulbs and seeds. Most animals and birds whether alive or dead (e.g. stuffed) certain articles derived from protected species including fur skins, ivory, reptile leather and articles. We strongly recommend that you do NOT ship foodstuffs of any type as this will ultimately require further investigation by Port Health Authorities which could result in rent, demurrage and inspection fees.

Customs Regulations

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

Household and personal effects are permitted entry to the United Kingdom and European Union free of Customs duty and taxes provided they have been in the owners use and possession in their normal home abroad for a minimum of six months and providing they are solely for the owners use in the United Kingdom or any member state of the European Union.

The owner must have taken up residence in the United Kingdom or European Union or be in the immediate process of doing so. The property must be imported within twelve months of the owner's transfer of residence.

Customs form C3 is to be completed by the **OWNER** and submitted together with a packing list or inventory in English. In the case of new items, receipts may be required by Customs. All wines, spirits, tobacco products and goods which have been owned and used for less than six months must be declared on the form C3 and will be subject to Customs duty and taxes. There are NO duty free allowances for alcohol shipped as part of an unaccompanied household effects consignment.

PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES

Most private vehicles can be imported free of duty for a period of less than six months. For periods in excess of six months, importation is free provided:

- The owner is moving their normal home to the United Kingdom and has lived for more than twelve months outside of the European Union.
- The vehicle has been possessed and used in their normal home outside the European Union for at least six months before it is shipped.
- The vehicle was not obtained under a duty or tax free scheme
- The owner must keep the vehicle for their own personal use and not sell, lend, hire out or otherwise dispose of the vehicle within the European Union within twelve months of the importation unless specific authority is obtained from Customs.

We will require Customs form C104A plus evidence of ownership for duty free importation or form C384 if imported on payment of duty and taxes.

INHERITED GOODS

Inherited goods may be imported duty free where the beneficiary is a resident of the United Kingdom or European Union and that the goods were not used by the deceased for trade or business purposes. We will require the beneficiary to provide a copy of the Last Will and Testament, a copy of the death certificate and to complete Customs form C1421.

ANTIQUES

Items over 100 years of age, for which evidence of the date of manufacture can be produced, are not liable to duty. The owner must declare the age and value of the goods in advance of importation to the satisfaction of Customs. Evidence from the supplier is generally accepted. Otherwise, evidence from a recognised antique authority in the form of a Certificate of Antiquity should be supplied.

Important: This information is intended for general guidance only and Simpsons Removals & Storage Ltd do not acceptable responsibility for any errors or omissions. It is advisable to contact U.K. Customs and Excise for current information.