



## Moving to France— a guide to the documents needed

Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may be imported into France duty and tax free providing they have been used overseas (outside the EU) for a minimum of 6 (six) months prior to importation. If all the documents are in order the owner does not have to be present during customs clearance.

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY

- Photocopy or scanned copy of passport showing picture and signature. Visa if applicable.
- Inventory list or packing list in French with values in € euros with the original signed by customer.
- Signed original French import declaration Cerfa 10070-03 document.
- Signed 'Attestation de non-cession' confirming the goods will not be re-sold within 12 months of the importation date.
- Power of Attorney allowing our agent to act on your behalf.
- All household goods have to be for personal use have been owned for more than 6 months.
- Certificate of change of residence from a French Consulate in the country of departure.
- Copy letter of employment and/or any other original documents such as utility bills proving that the customer lived for at least one year in the country of departure prior to arrival in France.
- Proof of residence in France e.g. a recent utility bill or rental contract (less than 3 months old).
- Copy ocean bill of lading (OBL) or airwaybill (AWB) from the origin removal agent.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in France.

### ALCOHOL

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into France. An inventory containing the type (wine, whisky etc), the bottle size, the number of bottles, alcoholic strength (abv%) and the value will be required in order for customs to calculate the duty and tax payable. Including items like these can delay customs clearance and incur additional costs.

### NEW GOODS

Duty and tax is payable on all items that are new or less than 6 months old. A detailed list of these items is required along with the original purchase invoices from the supplier(s). Including items like these can delay customs clearance and incur additional costs.

### PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED ITEMS

Drugs and narcotics, weapons, ammunition and explosives, products made from animals and items protected by CITES, endangered flora and fauna species and products made from them. Firearms require appropriate licence(s) from French authorities. Check before shipment!

**Please ensure you forward all of the required documents to your removal company before you leave the country you are moving from. Incomplete or incorrect documents will result in delays and additional cost. Motor vehicles, inherited goods or wedding trousseau require additional documents.**