



Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may be imported into Germany 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 German or English with the original signed by customer.
- 3 originals of the signed German import declaration 0350 document.
- Original or certified copy of registration document Anmeldebescheinigung vom Einwohnermeldeamt from the local town hall and no more than 3 months old.
- All household goods have to be for personal use have been owned for more than 6 months.
- Wohngeberbescheinigung (declaration) from the future landlord confirming the owner of the goods will live at the address and that the goods will be delivered there.
- Botschaftsbescheinigung certificate from the German Consulate in origin country confirming residency of more than 12 months.
- 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 Germany.
- An inventory of all items with an individual value in excess of €5000
- Copy ocean bill of lading (OBL) or airwaybill (AWB) from the origin removal agent.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in Germany.

ALCOHOL

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into Germany. 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 will inevitably delay customs clearance and result in additional costs for the owner.

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, explosives, ammunition, dried plants, pornographic materials, radioactive materials, any part of protected animals or species, items of significant historical interest, certain types of meat. Licences are required for weapons and live plants. 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.