



Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may be imported into the Netherlands 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.
- Detailed inventory in Dutch or English – 2 copies.
- Dutch customs require their online form to be completed by our customs agents.
- Copy of Dutch registration (Vestiging uit het Buitenland) from the Town Hall closest to where your property is located.
- Power of Attorney allowing our agent to act on your behalf.
- 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 the Netherlands.
- Copy letter of employment and lease agreement corresponding to your move to the Netherlands.
- Copy ocean bill of lading (OBL) or airwaybill (AWB) from the origin removal agent.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in Netherlands.
- Imported household goods must not be sold within 12 months of the importation date.
- An estimated value for the consignment.

### ALCOHOL

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into the Netherlands. 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.

### PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Drugs, firearms, ammunition, flammable products, pornography and parts of protected animals. Canned food and beverages may only be imported in limited quantities. 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.**