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# Moving to Sweden – a guide to the documents needed

Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may be imported into Sweden duty and tax free providing they have been used overseas (outside the EU) for a minimum of 6 (six) months prior to importation and the owner intends to stay in Sweden for at least 12 months. 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 Swedish or English which cannot include expressions like "Miscellaneous", "Garage items", "Packed by owner" etc.
- An estimate of the total second-hand value of the consignment.
- Signed Swedish import declaration <u>Tullverket</u>. There are three forms, one for returning Swedish citizens, one for those coming to Sweden from outside the EU, and one for those going to Sweden as a result of marriage.
- Any items with a value exceeding SEK 100,000 must have supporting documents to prove their value.
- 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 Sweden.
- Copy letter of employment and lease agreement corresponding to your move to Sweden.
- Copy ocean bill of lading (OBL) or airwaybill (AWB) from the origin removal agent.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in Sweden.
- Returning Swedish citizens must arrive in Sweden before their household goods.

## **ALCOHOL**

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into Sweden. 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

Narcotics, mobile/wireless telephones and any goods made from endangered species. A certificate of healthiness from the country of origin is required for live plant importations. 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.

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