

BELGIUM

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Removal goods – all immigrants and Belgian nationals

Documents Required

- Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client.
- Copy of passport showing client's signature
- Proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to inscription/arrival in Belgium.
- Certificate of residence from the Belgian commune where client will take up residence (Model 2 or Belgian ID-card).
- Customs declaration to be completed and signed by client (document available at your Belgian mover). Original required

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry for household goods provided the importation takes place within one year after the official change of residence.

Remarks

- If all documents are not available, guarantee (bond) must be paid. The guarantee amounts to 10% customs duties and 21 % VAT.
- The total guaranteed amount (if applicable) is refunded within 6 months on presentation of the original certificate of residence, or any other missing documents.
- A disciplinary penalty may also be applied.
- Contact your local agent for more information about the EU-ISC2 import requirements.

Removal goods - to secondary residence in Belgium

Documents Required

- Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT.
- Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods.

Remarks

- Duty-free entry for secondary residence is no longer possible in Belgium.

Diplomatic removals

Documents Required

- Declaration 136 F signed and stamped by persons with authority of the Embassy and by the customer.

Customs Prescriptions

- Signatures and stamp shown on the declaration 136 F must be on file at the Customs house, where the importation takes place.
- Alcohol importation for diplomats: see under "Wine and Alcohol" section.

Wedding trousseaux

Documents Required

- Same documents as for Removal goods.
- Marriage certificate.
- Inventory which must show the value of each item and must be endorsed "These are wedding gifts".

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry, provided:
- The country of origin is granting the same rights (this does not apply to private vehicles and cattle, wedding presents, and goods to be used for commercial purposes).
- The importation is made 2 months before and within 4 months after.
- The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.
- No items' value may exceed 11.155 €.
- Goods are manifestly part of their household effects.
- No liquor or alcohol may be included.

Remarks

- Free entry is only granted once on the marriage.
- The shipment may be imported under one name or both names.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Application form for duty free entry.
- Inventory in duplicate (must be signed).
- Certificate from the Town Hall of his place of residence or identity document issued prior to the death (evidencing that the heir is an inhabitant of the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic-Union).
- Certificate that he is an heir, by means of an attestation from a notary or certified copy or extract of the declaration of succession.
- Certified death certificate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry, provided:
- The goods are used.
- The beneficiary of the exemption has his principal residence in the BelgoLuxemburg-Economic-Union.
- The importation takes place within 2 years of the date on which the goods were at the disposal of the heir.
- The exemption does not apply to goods to be used for commercial purposes, such as commercial vehicle, raw, semi-finished and finished products, cattle and agricultural equipment.

Remarks

- The date on which the goods are at the disposal of the heirs can be different:
- Date of the death.

- Date of solution of disputes.
- Date of the consignment of payment of the death duties.
- Date of issue of the export permit, provided that, as regards the last 3 dates, the party concerned has not adjourned these due to negligence or fault.
- Objects, which for humanitarian reasons and with the consent of the heirs remain in use by the surviving spouse can be imported within 6 months of the date on which the objects were placed at the disposal of the heirs.
- The same tolerance applies to objects left at the disposal of the person surviving a close relationship he or she lived with.

New furniture and household goods

Documents Required

- Original purchase certificates.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT.

Remarks

- Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods.

Precious metal objects

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry if:
- Goods are manifestly part of their household effects.
- Goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.

Remarks

- Silverware is subject to the same conditions as removal goods.

Machines, appliances and equipment

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free entry (with some restrictions).

Remarks

- Duty free entry if goods are manifestly part of their household effects.
- The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.

Firearms

Documents Required

- Shooting licence.
- Name, number and calibre of the firearms must figure on the inventory.
- Some firearms must be registered with the local Police department and registration of certificate/licence is needed.

Remarks

- Firearms must be loaded in a way that they can be easily taken out of the removal shipment during Customs inspection.
- Do not ship any firearms unless specifically approved by the Belgian authorities prior to shipping.

Plants

Documents Required

- Phytosanitary certificate (issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the country of origin).

Remarks

- Same applies for vegetable products.

Domestic animals

Documents Required

- Certificate of vaccination (vaccination against rabies).

Customs Prescriptions

- Importation granted.

Remarks

- The certificate must be dated at least 30 days before the entry into Belgium but cannot be older than 1 year.

Presents & souvenirs

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of customs duties.

Alcohol

Documents Required

- Detailed inventory list.
- For diplomats: separate 136F for wine and alcohol.

Customs Prescriptions

- For non-diplomats:
- Subject to payment of taxes and duties.
- For diplomats:
- Exemption from payment of taxes and duties, limited to an annual quota agreed by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective embassies in the country.