

DENMARK

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Removal goods - from countries outside EU

Documents Required

- Danish customs form "Declaration of Personal Property".
- Inventory in English.
- B/L or AWB - shipper & consignee must be the same person on the B/L as well as on the AWB.
- Copy of the importer's passport identification pages.
- All shippers will be requested to provide proof of a minimum stay of twelve months outside EU for example in the form of a certification from an authority abroad, lease contract or work contract.
- Proof of registration with Danish Authorities. It can either be a copy of the yellow health card or a letter from the local registration office.
- Foreigners will be requested to submit a copy of a Danish work contract and lease contract in Denmark
- If alcoholic beverages, tea and coffee are included in the shipment, a detailed inventory is required listing brand, alcohol percentage, numbers and sizes of bottles.

Customs Prescriptions

- Household goods which have been owned and used for minimum 6 months, and still are intended for owner's use, can be imported duty free by any person taking up residence in Denmark or within the EU.
- All shippers must have had a residence outside the EU for minimum 12 months to qualify for duty free importation of household goods.
- Household Goods must be imported within 12 months of the owner's registration date to enjoy duty free import.
- Owner must be registered as a resident in Denmark before the arrival of the shipment.

Remarks

- Customs clearance must take place immediately upon arrival of the goods.
- Visitors and Danes residing abroad cannot import household goods free of taxes and duty.
- Import customs clearance cannot be done using an administrative CPR number. The CPR number must be active. The CPR will only be active once the assignee has been at the local registration office and has been registered.
- Please do not use the terms "Miscellaneous" or PBO on the inventory.

Diplomatic removals

Documents Required

- Inventory.
- A "Declaration for Diplomats" issued by the embassy or local foreign mission.

Customs Prescriptions

- A person being accredited as a foreign diplomat to Denmark is allowed duty free import privileges including duty free import of alcohol (no quotas).
- The Declaration for Diplomat number 13004 has to be filled out by the Foreign Embassy in Denmark. The alcohol must only be for own consumption or to use in a professional capacity. The alcohol is not to be sold in Denmark.

Remarks

- Returning Danish Diplomats do not enjoy any diplomatic privileges and their removals will be customs cleared under common rules and regulations (they must pay duties on any dutiable items included in their shipment).

Wedding trousseaux

Documents Required

- Inventory.
- Declaration signed by both persons.
- Marriage certificate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty-free.
- Danes must have had a residence abroad for minimum 12 months to qualify for duty free importation of wedding gifts.
- Household Goods must be imported within 4 months of the wedding to enjoy duty free import.

Remarks

- Goods must be for use in normal household.
- Maximum value EUR 1,000 per gift items.
- Residents of Denmark cannot import wedding gifts of duty and taxes.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Inventory.
- Inheritance certificate signed by client.
- Death certificate.
- Copy of will or declaration issued and legalised by the Lawyer handling the estate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty-free within 2 years following the finalization of the estate.

Remarks

- Goods must be for use in normal household.

New items

Documents Required

- Invoice.

Customs Prescriptions

- From outside EU, subject to duty and VAT.

Works of Art

Documents Required

- If included in household goods, see "removal goods"; if commercial, see "new items".
- If for exhibition:
- Inventory.
- Pro-forma invoice.
- Temporary free entry or ATA-carnet.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty-free.
- For exhibitions – provided:
- the importer is registered as an importer with the Danish Customs/Tax authorities and has posted a security deposit, or
- a bank guarantee is posted.

Remarks

- It is recommended to contact your local agent prior to shipment.

Antiques

Documents Required

- If included in household goods, see "removal goods".
- If commercial:
- Invoice.
- Certificate stating/certifying that the item is at least 100 years old.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free, but subject to VAT (25%).

Machines, implements and spare parts

Documents Required

- See 'New items'.

Remarks

- Under some circumstances, there are special rules for scientific equipment, spare parts etc. Contact your local agent prior to shipment

Restricted items

Documents Required

- Invoice.
- Certificate of origin.

Customs Prescriptions

- Any quantities of wine, spirits, tea, coffee and tobacco included in household goods shipment must be declared to be for personal consumption and will attract duty and tax.
- Larger quantities will be considered as commercial import and may only be imported by licensed importers.

Remarks

- Restricted import - wine, spirits, tea, coffee and tobacco.

- As the amount of duties and taxes will be assessed on the value and quantity of the beverage or tobacco to be imported it is not possible to indicate a general level of duties.
- Please note that all quantities, whether in unopened or opened bottles, will be assessed taxes and duties
- Due to the high taxes, there is a strict
- control by import and it is not advisable to include spirits in removals.

Food & Tinned goods

Documents Required

- May be required:
- Origin certificate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Generally not permitted however contact local agent with detailed description for exceptions prior to shipment.
- Food and tinned goods must have been in your possession for minimum 6 months, and proof of ownership is required, otherwise subject to duties and taxes.

Remarks

- Rules vary.
- It is recommended not to bring in food or tinned goods as this may delay customs clearance and result in extra expenses.

Arms, ammunition and dangerous items

Documents Required

- Import licence from Ministry of Justice, issued through local Police office.
- Shooting permit.

Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited (unless a special license is obtained from the Danish Ministry of Justice).

Sport items

Documents Required

- If included in household goods, see "removal goods".
- If for competitions: valued inventory.

Customs Prescriptions

- Temporary free entry.

Narcotic medicines

Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited (unless there is a special license from the Danish Ministry of Justice).

Remarks

- It is recommended to bring all kinds of medicine as carry-on luggage only.

Precious metal items

Documents Required

- If included in household goods, see "removal goods"; otherwise see "new items".

Customs Prescriptions

- Import and possession of gold and silver in bars is prohibited.

Plants

Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited (unless the Danish Governmental Plant Protection Service grants a license based on certificate from authorities at origin that the plants are free from disease).

Domestic animals

Documents Required

- Health certificate not more than 1 month old issued by the Veterinarian Authorities at origin or EU animal passport.
- Certificate for rabies vaccination (issued at least 3 weeks but not more than 12 months prior departure).
- Identification of the animal (tattoo or microchip) must be verified against health certificates before any entry is allowed.

Remarks

- May be imported from most countries provided the required documents are valid and available at the port of entry.
- Pets from certain countries may be required to undergo a rabies serological test prior to importation into the EU.
- Please always refer to your local agent for up-to-date information prior to importation. Under normal circumstances, quarantine will not be required for healthy animals.

Other animals

Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited live, dead and pre-manufactured parts of animals as mentioned in the Washington Convention (unless the Danish Nature Conservancy Board grants a license).

Wood

Customs Prescriptions

- Fumigation of imported and exported wooden packaging materials including wooded crates.
- Please note that all consignment entering the European Union must comply with the international Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15) that sets out the guidelines for the use of wooden packaging material in international trade.
- All arriving solid wood packaging incl. dunnage must carry the ISPM15 mark indicating that all the timber has received appropriate treatment.