

France

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods - for the principal residence (from countries outside the EU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Passport copy ➢ Detailed inventory list in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. ➢ Certificate of non resale ➢ Certificate of change of residence by the French Consulate stipulating the date of arrival in the country and the date of change of residence (during the last 12 months) ➢ Certificate of transfer done on a letterhead by the employer with date of employment in the origin country and date of transfer (during the last 12 months) ➢ Proof of residence in France (electricity, phone bills) ➢ Two originals (three in case of transit) of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01): declaration of duty exemption entry of personal effects coming from a country outside the EU. Standard copies are available 	Duty free entry, provided that: The importer has had his domicile for at least one year outside the EU. Personal effects and vehicles have been used by the importer for at least 6 months.	Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of transfer of residence. If goods come in separate consignments, they must all be shown on the first inventory list deposited with Customs. Goods must remain with the importer's possession for at least 12 months from the date of importation.
Personal Effects or Furniture - for a secondary residence (from countries outside the EU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Authorization certificate from the Regional Customs Directorate of the secondary residence area, upon request in triplicate, together with detailed inventory in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. ➢ Evidence of ownership or renting ➢ Evidence of normal residence abroad ➢ Certificate of non resale 	Duty free entry, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Personal effects have been used for at least 6 months in a country outside the EU. ➢ The importer owns the (secondary) residence or has rented it for a minimum period of 24 months if the principal residence is not in the EU. ➢ Customs and taxes are due if the secondary residence or the furniture are let or sold within a period of 2 years after importation of goods from a non EU country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The time limit to remit the documents is shown on the attestation. ➢ For the goods imported from a country outside the EU, free entry only in regard to the customs duty there is an import tax of 10% Moreover, the VAT (19.6%) is due in any case. ➢ Goods must not leave the importer's possession for at least 2 years from the date of importation (10 years for objects of great value) ➢ Deposit of a guarantee may be required.
Wedding Trousseaux and Presents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Marriage certificate (or family record book) ➢ A copy of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01) ➢ Detailed valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. 	Duty free entry for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Trousseaux and household effects including new items. Presents received by the person transferring residency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Duty & tax free for items with a unit value less than 381,12 EUR ➢ Customs duty free for items with a unit value between 381,12 - 1000 EUR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ The required documents for the duty free entry must be remitted within 2 months before and 4 months after the date of the marriage. ➢ Deposit of a guarantee may be required.
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Certificate from an official authority or a notary stating that the imported goods are obtained by inheritance and giving the inventory. ➢ Detailed and valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. ➢ Documents showing that the importer has his residence in France. ➢ A non-resale form signed by the importer 	Duty free entry for inheritance goods.	The goods must be imported within two years of becoming the possession of the importer.

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Motor Cars	In addition to the documents mentioned in "Removal goods": ➤ Original certificate of title at shipper's name (no leasing is authorized) ➤ Copy of the vehicle purchase invoice	Duty free entry as per "removal goods for the principal residence".	Both additional documents should be issued at least 6 months before the ETD of the vehicles and the shipper must have lived for at least 12 months in the origin country.
Raw materials, Semi-finished Products		Subject to payment of duties.	
Tobacco & Related Products		Subject to payment of duties.	
Alcohol		Subject to payment of duties.	
Important Cellar Provisions		Subject to payment of duties.	
Medicines, Narcotics	➤ Authorization from the Ministry of Health (Direction de la Pharmacie et du Médicament, 1, Place Fontenoy, 75700-Paris)		
Arms, Ammunition	➤ Import permit issued by Directorate General of Customs, Bureau D 3, 23bis, rue de l'Université, 75007 PARIS.		
Pets (Dogs, Cats, Birds)	➤ Health certificate issued by an official veterinary surgeon.		Conditions to import animals to France: ➤ Domestic animals originating from EU and/or a country outside the EU ➤ Wild animals subject to extinction threat.
General Remarks			<p>Since 1st January 1993, personal goods can circulate freely within the European Community. However, some particularly sensitive items remain subject to regulation.</p> <p>The list of these products has been established to take account of health, security, consumption, environment, and cultural considerations.</p> <p>For moves from outside the EU, if documents are missing and the importer needs his household effects immediately, you can ask the customs office for information on the existing possibilities. The importer may authorize another person to handle the formalities on his behalf.</p> <p>The customs duties are to be paid in French cash or with bank or postal cheques. If the payment is made by cheque, the cheque must be certified by your bank.</p> <p>The customs supplies on request of the importer a free trade card "carte de libre circulation" for example for camera, lens, radio, etc.</p> <p>This document proves the correct condition of the objects during a 10-year period.</p>