

Germany

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Please note that goods with a single value about EUR 5000 have to be declared.			
Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Registration of the shipper at his new residence in Germany (ANMELDBESTAETIGUNG) ➤ Copy of the shipper passport ➤ Goods Inventory ➤ A letter from a third party (employer, German Embassy) confirming that the shipper has lived and worked more than 12 months in a foreign country ➤ Renting contract of a domicile (if possible) ➤ Contract of employment ➤ Customs registration form 0350. ➤ A letter signed by shipper that following goods are not inside the shipment: firearms – alcohol – tobacco – cigarettes – tea - coffee 	Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The shipper has lived more than 12 months in a foreign country or is a citizen of a foreign country ➤ The household goods and /or vehicles have been owned and used for a minimum of 6 months prior to shipping date (vessel departure) to Germany. ➤ The goods must stay in possession of the importers for 12 months after importation. 	Removal goods are only granted duty free entry if they are imported within one year of the owner establishing his residence or secondary residence in Germany. Removal goods are the objects that the immigrant already used at his previous domicile either for his personal use or for vocational or industrial purpose and which are capable of being re-used in Germany for the identical purpose corresponding to his economic situation. The exemption of duties is granted, provided there are no unsuitable advantages of customs
Diplomatic Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Certificate from the Embassy or the Consulate. ➤ Form 0349 	Duty free entry for foreign diplomats if bilateral agreement with origin country.	The customs authorities are authorised to make an inspection at the domicile. Even if all documents are provided, the carrier cannot guarantee the clearance at the Border.
Wedding Trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marriage certificate, ➤ Certificate of registration with the German Police authorities, ➤ Renting contract (proof of a domicile), ➤ Inventory 	Duty free entry for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wedding trousseaux and gifts (not exceeding EUR 1,000 in value per gift) belonging to persons coming from a non-EU country where they have resided for at least the previous 12 consecutive months. ➤ The goods must be imported between at most 2 months before the wedding and 4 months after it. ➤ The goods must not leave the possession of the importers for twelve months after importation. ➤ Tobacco and alcohol are excluded from these provisions. 	By wedding trousseaux, it is Meant: The objects acquired or received from other persons on the occasion of his marriage and intended to equip his household for personal use and for use of the husband and wife of property. No motorized vehicles. If the household goods are imported before the marriage, proof must be furnished that the marriage will take place within 2 months (the time-limit may be extended upon request)
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Justification of the entitlement as heir or legatee. 	Duty free entry. The inheritor or legatee must have his customary place of residence in the EEC, and must ask for duty free entry of the inherited goods within 2 years of their coming into his possession. Excluded from duty free entry are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tobacco and Alcohol ➤ Commercial vehicles ➤ Objects that were used by the dead person for his profession (except portable tools and instruments) ➤ Stocks of raw materials, or finished or half-finished products. 	By inherited property it is meant: Used objects for which legatee can furnish proof, that he received the goods from the testator (only in case of death) and that these goods constitute his share of the inheritance or legacy.
Motor Cars apart from Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Copy of ownership document ➤ Copy of the last registration in a foreign country for a minimum of 6 months prior to shipping the vehicle to Germany 	Duty free entry provided the person who is importing it has used the car for at least 6 months before.	After the customs clearance, a technical inspection performed by the vehicle registration office is required. Then a title will be issued.
Spirits, Wine, Tobacco		Subject to payment of duties.	

Germany

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Commercial vehicles and goods, portable instruments and equipment for craftsmen or self-employed persons		Subject to payment of duties.	
Food		Duty free entry, provided in quantities, which can be considered as normal provisions.	
Meat, including Sausage			The importation of all meat or meat by-products, poultry, fish, milk or milk by-products is prohibited.
Arms, Ammunition, Dangerous Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Gun license ➢ Hunting Permit 	Importation of objects from the arms register needs an authorization. Importation forbidden for objects, which are mentioned in Annex 2 of the law on arms.	The following are necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ a valid German gun license ➢ a valid German permit to import the weapon(s)
Pets	Every pet that comes from a third country and is imported into the EC must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ clearly identifiable by microchip (or a readable tattoo as a transitional arrangement until 2 July 2011), ➢ properly vaccinated against rabies ➢ accompanied by an veterinary inspector's certificate in which the microchip or tattoo number has been entered. In addition, vaccination certificates and in some cases blood-test details must be carried 	Coming from a third country where rabies occurs or where the epidemic status is unknown, e.g. Turkey, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Thailand or India, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ a blood test (rabies antibody test) must be carried out before leaving in an EC-approved laboratory in the respective country, ➢ a three-month waiting period must be observed from the date of the blood 	Because of all the waiting periods that have to be observed (for the vaccination and blood test), dogs, cats and ferrets from these countries must be at least seven months old in order to meet the entry conditions as prescribed by the laws on animal epidemics. It must also be borne in mind that no more than five animals may be brought in. When importing dogs, the law on the restriction of the introduction or importing of dangerous dogs into the country must be observed. This law bans the introduction or importation into Germany of pit-bull terriers, American Staffordshire terriers, bull terriers and hybrids resulting from interbreeding or crossbreeding these breeds with other dogs. The ban also applies to other breeds that are considered dangerous according to the regional regulations that apply in the Land in Germany where they are to be permanently kept. Further information is available from the local <i>Ordnungsamt</i> (town clerk's office).
Forbidden Items		The importation of the below listed articles is only granted under special conditions or forbidden: Mushrooms from Eastern Europe, potatoes, food of animal origin, supplementary means of food, organic seeds, plants, wood, explosives, radioactive stuff, writings which are forbidden by the constitution or pornographic writings, absinthe, methyl alcohol, pure alcohol, narcotics, wine, grape juice and other various foodstuffs and consumer goods in large quantity, which are usually held as provisions, various fodders as well as goods concerned by the Washington protection agreement.	Failure to include the ISPM15 mark will result in either the timber being ordered for examination or mandatory treatment. Exempted from ISPM15 mark: raw wood of 6mm thickness or less processed wood producer by glue, heat and pressure.
Generalities			Due to the great number of importation restrictions and prohibitions, it is advised prior to importation to ask the nearest German customs office or German representation in a foreign country, for the conditions.
Solid Wood Packing Material		EU applies the ISPM 15 standard related to the treatment of solid wood packaging and dunnage (wood used to wedge or support non-wood cargo). All arriving solid wood packaging must carry the ISPM15 mark indicating that all the timber has received appropriate treatment. The approved measures are heat treatment and fumigation.	➢