

Netherlands Customs Information	
Prohibited and Restricted Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drugs, Firearms, ammunition flammable products, pornography and (parts of) protected animals (both subject to license). Alcohol may be imported but is subject to full duties and taxes. ➤ Please also note that only limited quantities of (canned) food and / or beverages can be imported into The Netherlands; any quantities above the average will immediately result in an inspection by customs, next to that import duties / taxes and customs inspection charges will have to be paid. We strongly suggest not to ship any food or beverages.
Household Goods	<p>Household goods and personal effects can be imported free of duty and VAT provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The owner transfers his / her main residence from another country to The Netherlands. ➤ The owner has resided outside The Netherlands for at least one year. ➤ The goods have to be for personal use and cannot be sold within 1 year after customs clearance. <p>Documents required for customs clearance of household goods and personal effects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 3 copies of legible inventory list ✓ Copy of passport ✓ Copy proof of registration of commune shipper intends to live in (in Dutch it is called "vestiging uit het buitenland"). Document can be obtained at local Town Hall ✓ Employers declaration stating place and duration of employment in The Netherlands ✓ Copy lease or deed of future residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is common that The Netherlands agent will be applying for the Exemption of Duties and Taxes on behalf of the client. The required documents are to be handed over to the Agent who will accordingly submit the request to the appropriate local customs office. ▪ Dutch Customs have introduced a new form for the application for Exemption from Duties and Taxes on the importation of household goods and personal effects. ▪ The new form becomes effective January 1, 2008 and is only available and accepted by Customs in the Dutch language. ▪ This means that non Dutch speaking applicants will need a proper translation, which is attached and will be submitted to the client, as soon as the importation procedure is started. ▪ Click here to download a copy of the translation. ▪ Customs require the original form to be filled out. A copy of the form is not accepted. ▪ The form may be downloaded from the internet via www.douane.nl/download/169.html ▪ As from January 1, 2008 Dutch Customs will also require a copy of the lease contract of the foreign residence from which importer moved to The Netherlands. ▪ Moreover since the application procedure may take up to 3 weeks, it is strongly advised that clients are put in contact with the destination agent in The Netherlands as soon as the move has been booked, in order to make pre arrangements for the application. <p>Important remark: Your client should be made aware that obtaining a free import permit is a time consuming matter. Unfortunately, your client will have to allow at least 2 – 6 weeks, from date of handing over above mentioned document to customs, to have the free import permit issued.</p>
Motor Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In order to import cars / motorcycles free of any duties / taxes into The Netherlands it should be part of a household shipment and should have been owned and used for at least six months prior to actual shipping out. The owner should also have stayed outside The Netherlands for at least one year. ▪ Dutch customs also requires the full and complete chassis number of car / motorcycle to be hammered on framework of car / motorcycle. A small metal plate just beneath the win screen (like US cars are having) will not be authorized. In case no chassis number has been hammered in at all, we can have it done at additional charges. <p>Documents required for customs clearance of motor vehicle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Copy of purchase invoice, Original certificate of title, Copy proof of insurance <p>With the above mentioned documents, plus the document for the household shipment, client will have to request for an Exemption from Duties and Taxes from the Head of the Customs and Excise in the district where he / she intends to take up residence. Client will be informed with the address of the local customs office where he / she has to hand over the required documents. Your OMNI Agent should be in possession of the free import permit at least 1 week prior to arrival of the shipment in Rotterdam port / Amsterdam airport to avoid demurrage / detention / storage charges.</p>
Diplomatic Shipments	Duty-free importation allowed upon presentation of a D39 form issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or relevant Embassy / Consulate.
Inheritance goods / Wedding Gifts / Return Goods	They may be imported free of duties and taxes with an 'Exemption of Duties and Taxes'. Copy of Will and Notarial Act with inventory list required.
Domestic Pets	They may be imported if a health certificate is added to the list of documents and vaccination for 'Rabies'.

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