

United Kingdom

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>Ports: London, Southampton, Felixtowe, Glasgow, Liverpool, Hull Prohibited: Narcotics, Drugs, Explosives, Pornography Cont: None</p>			
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Wine/Spirits separate inventory listing each bottle in 3 sub sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Makers name ▪ Percentage Proof ▪ C.L. (Volume) 	Subject to Customs Duty plus 17.5% VAT. Clearance: 7 to 10 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Strongly recommended against including wine/spirits Containers can be rejected for sake of 2/3 bottles spirits. If shipped, load at rear of container for immediate access
Diplomatic Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ UK Customs Form C-426 ➢ Bill of Lading/Waybill ➢ Clear Inventory of Household goods (in English) 	Application for Privilege must be lodged by appropriate Embassy to British Foreign Office who in turn pass relevant Authority to H.M. Customs. Clearance: 3 to 4 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Bill of Lading/Waybills should be identified 'Diplomatic Clearance'. Advise us before arrival that Diplomatic Clearance required.
Firearms and Weapons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Proof of ownership ➢ Export license from Dept. of Trade ➢ Valid firearm certificate issued to the owner by the police authorities controlling the area in which client intends to reside. 	Clearance: at least 7 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No	Check UK Customs requirements at Port of Entry before shipping
Household Goods and Personal Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ UK Customs Form C.3 ➢ Bill of Lading/Waybill ➢ Clear Inventory of Household goods (in English) 	Used household goods are allowed into UK. Duty free if they have been in the owner's possession and used for at least 6 months and are for owner's continued use and not for resale. Clearance: 4 to 5 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Customs C3 may be completed abroad but must be available prior to arrival of goods (along with clear inventory). Goods must arrive within 12 months of arrival of client.
New Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Purchase Invoice ➢ Sales Invoice clearly identifying items price paid with date and place of purchase 	Items purchased within 6 months are subject to Customs Duties and VAT. They should be shown separately on Customs Form C.3 Clearance: 7 to 10 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Mark outside of wrapping for easy identification
Pets and Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Proof of inoculation from registered vet. 	Subject to 6 months quarantine in licensed premises. Clearance: Usually quarantine period. Customer presence is required for clearance.	Check with UK Customs and Dept. of Agriculture before shipping - especially for rare or endangered species. Import license is granted after the shipper has made arrangements for the period of quarantine with licensed kennels.
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Customs Form C104 A ➢ Proof of ownership i.e. Ins. Cert, Registration Card ➢ Original Purchase Invoice 	Clearance: 7 to 8 days. Customer presence maybe required for clearance.	May be imported duty-free provided the vehicle will not be sold or otherwise disposed of for 1 year after the date of importation. Importer must have lived outside the U.K. for at least twelve (12) months prior to importing the auto. They also must have owned the vehicle for at least six (6) months.

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