



Importing Personal Property Into Germany

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

Non-German citizens and returning German citizens who have resided abroad for more than one year are allowed duty-free/ tax-free entry. German citizens who have held residence outside of Germany for less than one year must declare their personal goods/effects and might have to pay duties & taxes on any items purchased overseas.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of Passport (picture page)
- ✓ German Resident Registration Confirmation Certificate (**ANMELDEBESTÄTIGUNG**) issued by the local authorities.
- ✓ Brief statement declaring no firearms, drugs or alcohol is contained in the shipment
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list in German
- ✓ German Citizens only- Proof of absence for more than 1 year

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

The below products are dutiable and are allowed into Germany in limited quantities:

Tobacco products:

200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco

Alcohol:

1 liter of spirits over 22 % vol. or 2 liters of fortified wine or sparkling wine

2 liters of still wine

Perfume:

50 Grams; Eau de toilette: 250 ml

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Firearms & Ammunition or explosives of any kind
- ✓ Controlled drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- ✓ Pornography, obscene articles, publications, videos & software
- ✓ Medicines

IMPORTATION OF PETS

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

Dogs and cats free of disease may be imported without a permit if the following conditions are met:

- Not more than 3 animals are being imported.
- The animals are not to be handed over to a third person after importation occurs.
- There is documented proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to entering the Federal Republic of Germany, or has been renewed within 12 months prior to entry. The vaccination must be certified by a veterinarian.

- A valid **International Certificate of Vaccination**, in the German language or a certified translation must accompany the dog/cat. The certificate must be signed and sealed, and the seal must clearly bear the state, agency and address of the veterinary surgeon
- A **Health Certificate** must accompany the animal stating the dates of examination, and that the animal is free from epidemic diseases and rabies. It must also state that no case of rabies has been recorded within a 21-km (13 miles) radius of the animals' point of origin during the previous 90 days. This certificate is valid for 20 days for animals imported from non-European Union countries.
- Seeing-Eye dogs, military service dogs, dogs used by professional artists or animals in transit do not require a permit.

Required Documents:

- ✓ International Certificate of Vaccination, in German or with a certified translation.
- ✓ Certificate for International Transport, stating the animal's name, breed, sex, age and color.
- ✓ Health Certificate

Note: It is recommended that animals accompany the importer as "carry-on baggage." Animals shipped as "unaccompanied baggage or freight" require a permit from the Federal Republic of Germany Health Department.

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of passport – picture page
- ✓ German residence registration confirmation
- ✓ Copy of Certificate of Title and Registration
- ✓ Proof of Insurance for the vehicle after customs

* German Citizens only- Proof of absence from Germany for more than one year.

Duty-free entry is provided if the following conditions are met:

- The vehicle must be declared within one year of the importer taking residence in the country.
- The vehicle must not be sold within one year following customs clearance.
- The customs authorities are authorized to make an inspection at the domicile. Even if all documents are provided, the carrier cannot guarantee the clearance at the Border.
- Vehicle must pass inspection by the vehicle safety authority (T.U.V.).

For vehicles less than 6 months in the client's possession (from shipping date) a copy of the purchase/sales contract is required and the vehicles are subject to duties and taxes.

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.