



**WORLD BAGGAGE**

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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
<p><b>Moved goods from outside the E.C.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form C3/ Import Declaration</li> <li>Inventory of the items with contents of all cartons.</li> </ul>	<p>In the following cases, entry is duty-free :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importer must have had his normal home outside the EC for at least 1 year and must be transferring his normal home to the E.C. to take up permanent residence.</li> <li>The items must have been in the possession and use of the importer for at least 180 days in the country where he had is normal home, and must be tax paid.</li> <li>The items must be tax:/VAT paid at the place of purchase.</li> <li>The owner must have arrived in the E.C. before customs clearance can take place, and the goods must arrive within 1 year of the arrival of the owner.</li> <li>Items may be removed to an APPROVED DEPOSITORY on payment of a duty deposit(refundable) if arrival of goods is up to 180 days before arrival of the owner.</li> <li>The owner must retain the goods for personal use for at least 1 year.</li> <li>No duty/VAT allowance is given in respect of alcoholic drink, tobacco or tools of trade.</li> </ul>	<p>The shipper of the goods must accomplished Customs Form C3, which can be done before arrival of shipment, but the date of arrival in the E.C. must be given. The shipment cannot be Customs cleared before the arrival of the owner in the E.C. Shipments can be removed under bond to an H.M. CUSTOMS APPROVED DEPOSITORY, for storage until arrival of the owner in the E.C. (Some BAR members have such depositories).</p> <p>H.M. Customs have given special agreement that moved goods destined to any E.C. country can be imported into the U.K. on completion of the customs form C3 and compliance with other requirements, including payment of any duties and VAT.</p> <p>The items can then be moved freely throughout the E.C.</p> <p>If foods are included on the inventory without precise details, Port Health Authorities may stop and unload the container at port and all foodstuffs will be checked before release. This will obviously increase costs to the customers and increase the risk of damage to effects. This issue can be alleviated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attach a full, itemized list of foodstuffs included in the shipment along with the inventory list.</li> <li>Advise clients that there are restrictions on foodstuffs and advise against shipping these items. It is important to note that only</li> </ul>



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			dried/tinned non-perishable food stuffs are allowed into the U.K.
<b>Diplomatic goods</b>	Application form C426 to be completed by Embassy/High Commission and lodged with Customs by the representative.	Entry is free from duty.	It is essential to know the marks and numbers of the packages in which the goods are travelling, date ,ship's name and port of arrival.
<b>Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEE MOVED GOODS but in addition to C3 declaration.</li> <li>• Letter from University, College, or Polytechnic certifying the importer is a "student" giving residential period of educational course.</li> </ul>		
<b>Bridal Clothes- from outside the E.C.</b>	Separate declaration on customs form C3.	<p>Bridal Clothes and similar articles, wedding gifts may be imported duty/VAT free where it can be shown that :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The couple (or shortly to be married) individual must have had his/her normal home outside the E.C. for at least 1 year and be transferring his/her home to the E.C.</li> <li>• The items must be tax paid at country of origin.</li> <li>• The items must arrive in the U.K. up to 60 days before the wedding, not later than 120 days after, and must be retained for personal use for at least a year. A duty deposit must be paid where goods arrive before the wedding or where proof cannot be given to Customs Authorities of the wedding details. No gift must exceed £800 in value per donor.</li> <li>• No allowance for alcoholic drink, or</li> </ul>	



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		<p>Tobacco products is given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The owner must keep the items for personal use for at least 1 year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Heirlooms/ Bequest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customs notice 368 with attached Customs form C1421.</li> <li>Certified copy of the Will of the deceased or a certified relevant extract there from or copy of Probate from the Court if the deceased died interstate. An English translation is necessary if document is not in English.</li> <li>Inventory (if the copy Will or other document does not specifically detail the goods to be imported) with supporting declaration from the Lawyer confirming that the goods to be imported are the legatee's rightful share of the estate.</li> <li>Declaration from the legatee confirming that he is a permanent resident in the E.C. and a beneficiary under the Will of the deceased.</li> <li>Special application must be made to Customs.</li> </ul>	<p>Entry is free from duty if the heir is permanently domiciled in the E.C. and he will not use the items for trade or business purposes.</p>	<p>At least 60 days before the arrival of the goods a special application must be made to Customs.</p> <p>The items should not be dispatched until the Customs have given authority for duty free entry.</p>
<b>New furniture, household effects, gifts, memorabilia</b>		<p>New furniture and household furniture are liable to payment of customs duty and VAT, if they have not been in the owner's previous use and possession for more than the periods given in item 1 "removal goods".</p>	<p>These articles, where included in a household removal are liable to payment of customs duty and VAT and must be separately declared on the import declaration (Form C3).</p>
<b>Antiquity, Artwork</b>	<p>Letter of antiquity made by expert with antiques/art dealer certifying articles are more than 100 years old. VAT 905 Reliefs' from VAT.</p>	<p>Entry is free from duty if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artworks are forming a part of a bona fida household effects, or</li> <li>Articles are more than 100 years old.</li> </ul>	<p>Antiquity and artwork imported into the U.K. for resale are treated as a commercial import, and such goods would be subject to DUTY/VAT according to the circumstances.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These articles have been in the use and possession of the owner as described in item 1 (moved goods).</li> <li>• Are not for sale or other disposal.</li> </ul>	
<b>Valued metal articles</b>		Entry is free from duty on the same basis and under the same conditions as furniture and other articles.	No particular prescription for the importation of silverware within a household effects.
<b>Motorcycles and Motor-cars, mopeds, power driven boats with or without engines and sailing boats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs form C104/A.</li> <li>• Customs form C104/A (vessels).</li> <li>• Document showing that the vehicle/vessel has been in the owner's use and ownership outside the country for the period described in item1 (moved goods) and must provide proof of ownership and use by original purchase invoice, insurance certificate etc., Garage and maintenance Receipts, etc.</li> <li>• If vehicle is less than 180 days,C384 Declaration.</li> </ul>	Entry is free from duty if vehicles/vessels will not be sold or otherwise disposed for 1 year after the date of importation.	<p>Customs may need proof that the owner of the vehicle/boat has lived abroad for 1year or longer, e.g., copy of passport with date stamp showing arrival in abroad, or copy of lease/rental agreement on overseas residence.</p> <p>Latest information can be checked out on the Government internet : <a href="http://www.detr.gov.uk">www.detr.gov.uk</a> - look under Vehicle standards.</p> <p>General enquiries about importing vehicles and vehicle approval : e-mail : <a href="mailto:rvs1.dot@gtnet.gov.uk">rvs1.dot@gtnet.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Technical enquiries about cars : e-mail : <a href="mailto:enquiries.vi@gtnet.gov.uk">enquiries.vi@gtnet.gov.uk</a></p>
<b>Caravans, trailers</b>	Customs declaration (Form C3).	<p>Entry is free from duty provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The owner is transferring his residence to the U.K.</li> <li>• They have been in the owner's use and possession abroad (see note section 1 moves goods).</li> <li>• They are for his continued use and not for Trade/sale or other disposal.</li> </ul>	



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<b>Dangerous objects, weapon, munitions and firearm parts</b>	Legal firearm certificate made to the owner by the police officials controlling the area in which he intends to reside.	Importation not allowed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fireworks</li> <li>• Explosives.</li> <li>• Flick-knives.</li> </ul>	Firearm certificate must be given at the Port of Entry when the shipment arrives. Inclusion of a firearm or munitions usually results in Customs examination at Port of Entry.  The importation of firearms and munitions is NOT ADVISABLE.
<b>Drugs, narcotics, incitements</b>		NOT ALLOWED	
<b>Vegetable products and Plants</b>	Phytosanitary certificate	Normal house plants are admitted duty free as part of a removal provided a certificate of freedom from Disease is available from the authorities of the country of origin of the removal (Phytosanitary certificate), otherwise importation prohibited.	
<b>Pets (Dogs, birds , cats)</b>		<p>Import license is given after the owner has made arrangements for the period of quarantine with a licensed Kennels.</p> <p>Exemption of quarantine is allowed for a variety of approved countries under the PETS (Pet Travel Scheme) including USA and Canada.</p> <p>Special rules apply for the scheme: It only applies to pet cats and dogs. It will only operate on certain sea, rail and air routes to England.</p>	<p>The importation of dogs and cats is allowed subject to the usual quarantine for 180 days in licensed and approved premises. 35 days for birds.</p> <p>A pet will only be able to enter the UK under the pilot scheme and be exempt from quarantine if it meets certain conditions:</p> <p>Fitted with a microchip. Fitted with a microchip. Blood-tested. It must then wait for 6 months unless it was a UK resident and the sample was taken in the UK, with a successful result, before they left. The pet needs to be accompanied. An official PETS certificate certifying that these requirements have been met.</p>

