

# Belgium

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods (All immigrants). (1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of residence (delivered to Belgian nationals by the population departments and to foreigners by the department of police).</li> </ul>	Duty free entry for household goods provided the importation takes place within one year after the official change of residence.	Customs clearance through domicile visit is not usual but possible (cost !)
Removal goods. (Belgian Nationals returning to Belgium). (2)	<p>For Belgian Nationals returning to Belgium :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• original certificate of change of residence from the municipality in Belgium where the client lived prior to departure abroad.</li> <li>• Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client</li> <li>• copy passport showing client's signature</li> <li>• proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to inscription/arrival in Belgium.</li> </ul>	<p>If all documents are not available, guarantee must be paid.</p> <p>The guarantee amounts to 10% of customs duties, and 21 % VAT as well as BF.500.-- for eventual disciplinary penalty.</p>	<p>If the owner of the removal goods has previously lived in Belgium.</p> <p>The total amount is refunded in 6 months on presentation of the original certificate of residence, or other missing documents.</p>
Diplomats removals	Declaration 136 F signed by persons with authority of the Embassy.	The signatures shown on the declaration 136 F must be on file at the customs house, where the importation takes place.	
Removal goods to secondary residence in Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• copy passport showing clients signature.</li> <li>• proof of residence outside of Belgium.</li> <li>• copy lease or sale contract of the 2<sup>nd</sup> residence.</li> <li>• letter addressed to director of customs requesting importation of HHG in order to furnish the second residence.</li> </ul>		<p><u>Remarks</u></p> <p>first temporary importation by paying guarantee to customs.</p> <p><u>If accepted by customs</u></p> <p>importation duty free but on payment of VAT @ 21%.</p>

Wedding presents and trousseaux	Same documents as for Removal Goods, plus a marriage certificate. Also the inventory must show the value of each item and must be endorsed "These are wedding gifts".	Duty free entry, provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the country of origin is granting the same rights (this does not apply to private vehicles and cattle, wedding presents, and goods to be used for commercial purposes),</li> <li>the importation is made 2 months before and within 4 months after the marriage.</li> <li>the goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned,</li> <li>no items' value may exceed BF 450.000.</li> <li>goods are manifestly part of their household effects,</li> <li>No liquor or alcohol may be included.</li> </ul>	Free entry is only granted once, on the occasion of the marriage. The shipment may be imported under one name or both names.
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Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form for duty free entry,</li> <li>inventory in duplicate (must be signed),</li> <li>certificate from the Town Hall of his place of residence or identity document issued prior to the death (evidencing that the heir is an inhabitant of the Belgo-Luxemburg-Economic-Union),</li> <li>certificate that he is an heir, by means of an</li> </ul>	Duty free entry, provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the goods are used,</li> <li>the beneficiary of the exemption has his principal residence in the Belgo-Luxemburg-Economic-Union,</li> <li>the importation takes place within 6 months of the date on which the goods were at the disposal of the heir.</li> </ul>	The date on which the goods are at the disposal of the heirs can be different : date of the death, date of solution of disputes, date of the consignment of payment of the death duties, date of issue of the export permit, provided that, as regards the last 3 dates, they have not been adjourned, due to negligence or a fault by the party concerned. Objects, which for humanitarian reasons and with

	<p>attestation from a notary or certified copy or extract of the declaration of succession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>certified death certificate.</li> </ul>	<p>The exemption does not apply to goods to be used for commercial purposes, as commercial vehicle, raw, semi-finished and finished products, cattle and agricultural equipment.</p>	<p>the consent of the heirs remain in use by the surviving spouse, can be imported within 6 months of the date on which the objects were placed at the disposal of the heirs. The same tolerance applies to objects left at the disposal of the person surviving a close relative with whom he or she lived alone.</p>
New furniture and household goods		Subject to payment of customs duty.	
Antiques	Invoice (signed by the supplier), certificate of age (that the articles are more than 100 years old).	Antiques can be imported duty free, but on payment of V.A.T.	
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Precious metal objects		Duty free entry	Silverware is subject to the same conditions as removal goods.
Motor cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor-cars must be shown on the inventory, with mark, chassis number, motor number and type and colour of the coach-work.</li> <li>An insurance document valid for 6 months prior to the car's importation.</li> <li>Original certificate of title</li> <li>Belgian (European) insurance document.</li> <li>Purchase invoice (Sales contract)</li> <li>Client's certificate of residence in Belgium</li> </ul>	Duty free entry, provided the owners have had the car in their own use and possession at least 6 months before the change of residence, and taxes (sales tax or V.A.T.) were paid in country of origin.	

Other motor-vehicles, except motor-cars (caravans, trailers, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs form (Benelux 4 certificate) (issued against deposit of triptyque or carnet), if</li> <li>• the trailer, semi-trailer or caravan is not imported under the conditions shown in the column" customs prescriptions",</li> <li>• if imported with another means of transport (for ex; trailers, which arrived per ship and continue their journey per road, after having been attached to a tractor vehicle, registered in Belgium or in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg)</li> </ul>	Duty free entry for trailers, provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the trailer is drawn at the time of importation by a motor-road-vehicle registered abroad,</li> <li>• the trailer, if not registered abroad, shows visible traces of use.</li> </ul>	
Machines, appliances and equipment.		Duty free entry (with some restrictions).	
Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shooting licence,</li> <li>• the name, number and calibre of the firearms must figure on the inventory.</li> <li>• Some firearms must be registered with the local Police department and registration certificate/ licence is needed.</li> </ul>		
Plants and vegetable products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phytosanitary certificate (issued by the ministry of agriculture of the country of origin).</li> </ul>		
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of vaccination (vaccination against rabies).</li> </ul>	Importation granted	The certificate must be dated at least 30 days but no more than 1 year before the entry into Belgium.
Presents and souvenirs		Subject to payment of customs duty.	