

# France

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods for the principal residence (from countries outside the EU).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of residence from French Consulate in country of origin or transfer order for military and officials,</li> <li>• Signed, dated, detailed and valued inventory in duplicate.</li> <li>• A non resale form signed by the importer.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importer has had their domicile for at least one year in a country outside of the EU.</li> <li>• Personal belongings and vehicles have been used by the importer during at least 6 months.</li> </ul>	Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of transfer of residence. If goods come in in several separate consignments, they must all be shown on the first inventory deposited with Customs Goods must not leave the importer's possession for at least 12 months from the date of importation.
Personal effects or furniture for a secondary residence (from countries outside the EU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorisation certificate from the Regional Customs Directorate of the area of the secondary residence, upon request in triplicate, together with</li> <li>• signed, dated, detailed and valued inventory in triplicate, stamped by the Regional Customs Directorate.</li> <li>• Document in evidence of ownership or renting</li> <li>• evidence of the normal residence abroad.</li> <li>• a non resale form signed by the importer.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry, provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only personal effects have been used for at least 6 months in a country, which does not belong to the EU,</li> <li>• The importer owns the (secondary) residence or has rented it for a minimum period of 24 months if the principal residence is not in the EU.</li> </ul> Customs and taxes are due if the secondary residence or the furniture are let or sold within a period of 2 years after importation of goods from a non EU country.	The time limit to remit the documents is shown on the attestation. For the goods imported from a country outside the EU, free entry only in regards to the customs duty. The TVA is to be paid in any case. Goods must not leave the importers possession for at least 2 years from the date of importation (10 years for objects of great value) Sometimes, deposit of a bank guarantee may be required.
Wedding trousseaux, and presents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriage certificate (or family record book)</li> <li>• Detailed valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed.</li> <li>• a non-resale form signed by the importer.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry for trousseaux and household effects - even new - . For presents : duty and tax free entry if the unit value does not exceed FF 2,500, --, and duty free only if the value is between FF2,500, -- and FF6,900.	The required documents for the duty free entry must be remitted within 2 months before and 4 months after the date of the marriage.

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Inheritance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate from an official authority or a notary stating that the imported goods are obtained by inheritance and giving the inventory.</li> <li>• Detailed and valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed.</li> <li>• Documents showing that the importer has his residence in France.</li> <li>• a non-resale form signed by the importer</li> </ul>	Duty free entry for inheritance goods.	The goods must be imported within two years of becoming the possession of the importer
Motor cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of residence from French Consulate in country of origin, or transfer order for military and officials.</li> <li>• Original document of title.</li> <li>• Copy of the vehicle purchase invoice</li> <li>• A non resale form signed by the importer.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry as per "removal goods for the principal residence".	The special form makes possible the transport to the place of clearance, if this is not at the border.
Raw materials semi-finished products.		Subject to payment of duties.	
Tobacco or tobacco products		Subject to payment of duties.	
Alcohol		Subject to payment of duties.	
Important cellar provisions.		Subject to payment of duties.	
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Medicine, narcotics.	Authorisation from the Ministry of Health (Direction de la Pharmacie et du Médicament, 1, Place Fontenoy, 75700-Paris).		
Arms, ammunition.	Import permit issued by Directorate General of Customs, bureau D 3, 23bis, rue de l'Université, 75007 PARIS.		
Pets (dogs, cats, birds)	Health certificate made out by an official veterinary surgeon.		

General remark.

Since 1st January 1993, personal goods can circulate freely within the European Community. However, some particularly sensitive items remain subject to regulation.

The list of these products has been established to take account of health, security, consumption, environment, and cultural considerations.

For moves from outside the EU, if documents are missing and the importer needs his household effects immediately, you can ask the customs office for information on the existing possibilities. The importer may authorise a person to effect the formalities in his place.

The customs duties are to be paid in French cash or with bank or postal cheques. If the payment is made by cheque, the cheque must be certified by your bank.

The customs supplies on request of the importer a free trade card "carte de libre circulation" for example for camera, lens,

radio, etc..

This document  
proves the correct  
condition of the  
objects during a  
10-year period.