

Germany

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of registration with the Police (or immigration permit), • inventory, • certificate from the competent foreign authorities, stating how long the immigrant has been living abroad (if this is not evident on the identity document), • renting contract of a domicile(if possible). • Contract of employment • Customs registration form 0350. 	<p>Duty free entry : except for special cases, the importer must have resided outside the EEC for at least 12 months prior to the importation, and household goods must belong to the importer, and non-consumable goods must have been used by him at his former residence for at least 6 months, and must be used for the same purpose in his new residence. They must not leave his possession for 12 months after his arrival.</p> <p>Alcohol, tobacco, commercial vehicles and commercial used goods are excluded.</p>	<p>Removal goods are only granted duty free entry if they are imported within one year of the owner establishing his residence or secondary residence in Germany.</p> <p>Removal goods are the objects that the immigrant already used at his previous domicile either for his personal use or for vocational or industrial purpose and which are capable of being re-used in Germany for the identical purpose corresponding to his economic situation.</p> <p>The exemption of duties is granted, provided there are no unsuitable advantages of customs.</p>
Diplomatic removals	Certificate from the Embassy or the Consulate.	Duty free entry for foreign diplomats.	The customs authorities are authorised to make an inspection at the domicile. Even if all documents are provided, the carrier cannot guarantee the clearance at the Border.

Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage certificate, certificate of registration with the German Police authorities, • renting contract (proof of a domicile), • inventory, • if the household goods are imported before the marriage, proof must be furnished that the marriage will take place within 2 months (the time-limit can be extended if requested). 	<p>Duty free entry for: Wedding trousseaux and gifts (not exceeding ECU 1000 in value per gift) belonging to persons coming from a non-EEC country where they have resided for at least the previous 12 consecutive months. The goods must be imported between at most 2 months before the wedding and 4 months after it. The goods must not leave the possession of the importers for 12 months after importation. Tobacco and alcohol are excluded from these provisions.</p>	By wedding trousseaux, it is meant : the objects acquired or received from other persons on the occasion of his marriage and intended to equip his household for personal use and for use of the husband and wife of property.
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Inheritance.	Justification of the entitlement as heir or legatee.	<p>Duty free entry. The inheritor or legatee must have his customary place of residence in the EEC, and must ask for duty free entry of the inherited goods within 2 years of their coming into his possession. Excluded from duty free entry are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco and Alcohol • Commercial vehicles • Objects that were used by the dead person for his profession(except portable tools and instruments) • Stocks of raw materials, or finished or half-finished products. 	By inherited property it is meant : used objects for which the future heir or legatee can furnish proof, that he will receive or received the goods from the testator (possibly during their lifetime) and that these goods constitute his share of the inheritance or legacy.
Motor cars.	Registration card issued in the foreign country in the name of the importer	Duty free entry : provided the car has been used before by the person who is importing it.	After the customs clearance, a technical inspection performed by the vehicle registration office is required. Then a title will be issued.

Commercial vehicles, commercial goods, portable instruments and equipment for craftsmen or self-employed persons		Subject to payment of duties.	
Spirits, wine, tobacco.		Subject to payment of duties.	
Food.		Duty free entry, provided in quantities which can be considered as normal provisions.	
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Meat, including sausage.		Duty free entry, provided in quantity that can be considered as normal provision, and for personal use.	Importation forbidden for meat of : dogs, cats, foxes, badgers, monkeys, horses or other solidungulates, as well as from other animals (except poultry) originating from Africa, Asia, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and USSR (the situation on the cattle-plague can cause a temporary additional mention of further countries on the list).
Arms, ammunition, dangerous objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gun licence • Hunting permit. 	Importation of objects from the arms register needs an authorisation. Importation forbidden for objects which are mentioned in § 37 of the law on arms.	A German gun licence is necessary
Cats, dogs.	Health certificate issued by a competent veterinary surgeon, at the place of origin abroad. This certificate must be in German or accompanied by a certified true translation.	<p>Importation admitted, provided,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no report or suspicion of infectious illness, • no case of rabies has been notified within a radius of 20km from the place of origin of the animal during the previous 3 months prior to the date the health certificate was issued. 	<p>The health certificate must be valid 10 days (20 days for animals coming from non-European countries) from the date it has been made out.</p> <p>Importation is subject to the German law for animal epidemics.</p>

Other domestic animals.		Importation or transit is subject to a special authorisation or eventually forbidden.	
Explosives, radioactive stuff, writings which are forbidden by the constitution or pornographic writings, absinthe, methyl alcohol, pure alcohol, narcotics, wine, grape juice and other various foodstuffs and consumer goods in large quantity, which are usually held as provisions, various fodders as well as goods concerned by the Washington protection agreement.		The importation of the listed articles is only granted under special conditions or forbidden.	
Generalities.			Due to the great number of importation restrictions and prohibitions, it is advisable before each intended importation to ask the nearest German customs office or German representation in a foreign country, for the concerned conditions.