
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

- Passport
- Airway bill / bill of lading
- Packing list in English
- Declaration from diplomatic organization (Diplomatic shipments only)
- Detailed inventory (if alcohol is included in shipment)

B. Specific Regulations

- All household goods shipments arriving by sea, air, rail, or road must be cleared through customs at the port of entry.
- From non-EU countries, household goods which have been owned and used for a minimum 6 months, and still are intended for owner's use, may be imported duty free by any person taking up residence in Denmark.
- Returning Danes must have had residence abroad for minimum 12 months to qualify for duty free importation of household goods. Authorities are increasingly demanding proof of the length of stay abroad by asking for written certification by employers or authorities abroad.
- Owner must be registered as a resident with the Danish authorities (Folkeregister) prior to customs clearance of their shipment and the goods must be imported within 12 months of the owner's arrival.
- Goods may be imported 6 months ahead of owner's arrival, subject to owner providing security to the authorities for the applicable duty, tax and VAT payments.
- Assessing duties and taxes on used personal effects is however a tedious affair and will entail considerable handling cost.
- Please note that all consignments entering the European Union will need to comply with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15) that sets the guidelines for the use of wooden packaging material in international trade.
- Visitors and Danish citizens' residence, who have not taken up residence in Denmark, are not permitted to import household goods free of duty.
- Diplomats employed with foreign missions in Denmark may import personal effects free of duty and customs inspection provided the local mission issues a declaration for diplomats.
- Returning Danish diplomats do not receive customs exemptions or privileges, and shipments of household goods and personal effects will be subject to normal customs regulations including payment of duties and taxes for restricted items.
- Duty free import of household goods and personal effects to a secondary residence in the EU is no longer permitted as of December 1, 2008.
- If alcoholic beverages are included in the shipment a detailed inventory listing brand, alcohol percentage, numbers and sizes of bottles must be included with the documents.
- Except for identical bottles, it is a requirement that the inventory provides separate listing per bottle.

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- The content of any PBO cartons must be declared on the inventory to facilitate customs clearance.

MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Documents Required

- Original registration papers
- Insurance card

B. Specific Regulations

- Cars, motorcycles, airplanes, caravans, pleasure crafts, motor trailers may be imported duty free, provided they have been in the owner's possession and registered abroad for a minimum of six months.
- Original foreign registration papers and insurance card must be available and submitted to customs.
- Following customs clearance the owner must personally present the car to the authorities for registration within 14 days.
- Danish vehicle registration tax is extremely high and must always be paid; refer to www.fstyr.dk for up to date information.

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Health certificate not more than 1 month old issued by an EU approved Veterinarian Authority at origin
- Certificate for rabies vaccination (issued at least 3 weeks but not more than 12 months prior to departure)

B. Specific Regulations

- May be imported from most countries provided the following documents are valid and available at the port of entry.
- Identification of the animal (tattoo or microchip) must be verified against health certificates before any entry is allowed.
- All original documents must accompany the pet throughout the transport to be available to veterinarian authorities at each point of transshipment/border crossings.
- Pets from certain countries may be required to undergo a rabies serological test prior to importation into the EU.
- Refer to www.foedevarestyrelsen.dk for up-to-date information.
- Under normal circumstances, quarantine will not be required for healthy animals.

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RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

Wine, Spirits and Tobacco

- Any quantities of wine and spirits included in household goods shipments must be declared to be for personal consumption. Duty and tax will be assessed on what is declared.
- The amount of duties and taxes will be assessed on the kind, value and quantity of the beverage or tobacco to be imported. It is not possible to indicate a general level of duties.
- All quantities, whether in unopened or opened bottles, will be assessed taxes and duties.
- A handling/documentation fee of 75 Euro will be charged in addition to duties and taxes.
- A detailed inventory listing brand, alcohol percentage, numbers and sizes of bottles must be included with shipping documents.
- Except for identical bottles, it is a requirement that the inventory provides separate listing per bottle.
- The contents of any PBO cartons must be declared on the inventory to facilitate customs clearance.

Inheritances

- Inheritances, except wine, sprits and tobacco may be imported free of duty within 2 years following the finalization of the estate.
- Client must produce documentation in the form of a will or a declaration issued and legalized by the lawyers handling the estate.

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please consign the AWB / BL to:

Consignee
C/O (name of agent)
Agent address
Telephone number:
Fax number:
Attn:

Notification to:

Same as consignee

Recommended: Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the AWB / BL, packing list, passport copy, and full contact details of the consignee.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly "Used household goods and personal effects."
- Packing list should be in English.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the waybill, packing list, and shipping schedule should be sent well in advance.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Narcotics/medicines not approved by the Danish health authorities.
- Firearms and ammunition, unless a license being available from the Danish Ministry of Justice.
- Live plants (unless the Danish Governmental Plant Protection Service has granted a license based on certificate from the authorities at origin that the plants are free from disease).
- Live, dead and pre-manufactured parts of animals as mentioned in the Washington Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora CITES, unless a license have been granted by the Danish Nature Conservancy Board.

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