



## Import Customs Guide **BELGIUM**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<b>Removal goods – all immigrants and Belgian nationals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client.</li> <li>▪ Copy of passport showing client's signature</li> <li>▪ Proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to inscription/arrival in Belgium.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of residence from the Belgian commune where client will take up residence.</li> <li>▪ Customs declaration to be completed and signed by client (document available at your Belgian mover).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original required</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry for household goods provided the importation takes place within one year after the official change of residence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If all documents are not available, guarantee (bond) must be paid. The guarantee amounts to 10% customs duties and 21 % VAT.</li> <li>▪ The total guarantee amount (if applicable) is refunded within 6 months on presentation of the original certificate of residence, or any other missing documents.</li> <li>▪ A disciplinary penalty may also be applied.</li> </ul>
<b>Removal goods - to secondary residence in Belgium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT.</li> <li>▪ Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty-free entry for secondary residence is no longer possible in Belgium.</li> </ul>
<b>Diplomatic removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Declaration 136 F signed and stamped by persons with authority of the Embassy and by the customer.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Signatures and stamp shown on the declaration 136 F must be on file at the Customs house, where the importation takes place.</li> <li>▪ Alcohol importation for diplomats: see under "Wine and Alcohol" section.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same documents as for Removal goods.</li> <li>▪ Marriage certificate.</li> <li>▪ Inventory which must show the value of each item and must be endorsed "These are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Free entry is only granted once on the marriage.</li> <li>▪ The shipment may be imported under one name or both names.</li> </ul>

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	wedding gifts".	<p>presents, and goods to be used for commercial purposes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The importation is made 2 months before and within 4 months after.</li> <li>▪ The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.</li> <li>▪ No items' value may exceed 11.155 €.</li> <li>▪ Goods are manifestly part of their household effects.</li> <li>▪ No liquor or alcohol may be included.</li> </ul>	
<b>Inheritance</b>	<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 attestation from a notary or certified copy or extract of the declaration of succession.</li> <li>▪ Certified death certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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> </li> <li>▪ The exemption does not apply to goods to be used for commercial purposes, such as commercial vehicle, raw, semi-finished and finished products, cattle and agricultural equipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The date on which the goods are at the disposal of the heirs can be different : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Date of the death.</li> <li>▪ Date of solution of disputes.</li> <li>▪ Date of the consignment of payment of the death duties.</li> <li>▪ Date of issue of the export permit, provided that, as regards the last 3 dates, the party concerned has not adjourned these due to negligence or fault.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Objects, which for humanitarian reasons and with 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.</li> <li>▪ The same tolerance applies to objects left at the disposal of the person surviving a close relationship he or she lived with.</li> </ul>
<b>New furniture and household goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original purchase certificates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods.</li> </ul>

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Precious metal objects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry if:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Goods are manifestly part of their household effects.</li> <li>▪ Goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Silverware is subject to the same conditions as removal goods.</li> </ul>
Motor vehicles – Motor cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of passport showing client' signature.</li> <li>▪ Motorcars must be shown on the inventory, with mark, chassis number, motor number and type and colour of the coachwork.</li> <li>▪ An insurance document valid for 6 months prior to the car's importation.</li> <li>▪ Original certificate of title.</li> <li>▪ Belgian or European insurance document Purchase invoice (Sales contract).</li> <li>▪ Certificate of residence from the Belgian commune where client will take up residence.</li> <li>▪ Official proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to arrival/inscription in Belgium.</li> <li>▪ Customs declaration to be completed and signed by client (recommended: document available at your Belgian mover).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry provided:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Car has a minimum mileage of 6000 km and,</li> <li>▪ The owners have had the car in their own use and possession for at least 6 months before the change of residence and,</li> <li>▪ The taxes (sales tax or V.A.T.) were paid in country of origin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customer must also be importing removal goods in order to get a VAT and duty free import.</li> <li>▪ If possible, licence plates need to be kept on the car to avoid problems, and to allow driving on Belgian roads pending final naturalization of the car.</li> </ul> <p>Important note :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Belgium requires EURO 4 emission norm as a minimum, in order for vehicles to be registered and allowed on the Belgian roads.</li> <li>▪ Get advice from your destination agent before shipping to Belgium.</li> </ul>
Motor vehicles – others (caravans, trailers, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs form (Benelux 4 certificate issued against deposit of triptyque or carnet):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If 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 (e.g.: 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> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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> </li> </ul>	

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<b>Machines, appliances and equipment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry (with some restrictions).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry if goods are manifestly part of their household effects.</li> <li>▪ The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.</li> </ul>
<b>Firearms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shooting licence.</li> <li>▪ 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 of certificate/licence is needed.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Firearms must be loaded in a way that they can be easily taken out of the removal shipment during Customs inspection.</li> <li>▪ Do not ship any firearms unless specifically approved by the Belgian authorities prior to shipping.</li> </ul>
<b>Plants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phytosanitary certificate (issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the country of origin).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same applies for vegetable products.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate of vaccination (vaccination against rabies).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Importation granted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The certificate must be dated at least 30 days before the entry into Belgium but cannot be older than 1 year.</li> </ul>
<b>Presents &amp; souvenirs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of customs duties.</li> </ul>	
<b>Alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Detailed inventory list.</li> <li>▪ For diplomats: separate 136F for wine and alcohol.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For non-diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of taxes and duties.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exemption from payment of taxes and duties, limited to an annual quota agreed by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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