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CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Passport
- Exit Certificate / Certificate of Stay Abroad for at least 12 months (confirmation from the local authority of the previous residence, confirmation by employer or other official proof)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Detailed inventory (3 copies)
- Residence Registration Form (primary residence)
- Original Austrian Customs forms
- Duty-free Permit, if applicable
- Invoices for all new furniture, appliances, gifts, and objects of art / antiques (2 copies)

Specific Information

- Only used goods personally owned and used for at least 6 months by the shipper and are intended for use in the country may be imported.
- Removal goods can be imported into Austria duty free within 1 year from the change of residence.
- After customs clearance, the removal goods are prohibited for 1 year from sale or transfer unless Customs duties are paid.
- Shippers who have lived in the European Union prior to import may need a permit for the duty-free importation of household goods and personal effects ("Grundlagenbescheid") available at the Customs office nearest to the residence.
- Contact destination agent to confirm necessity of a Duty-Free Permit.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Vehicle Title / Registration
- Vehicle papers (type certificate)
- Invoice / Purchase Order
- Form T 1, if applicable

Specific Information

- The shipment is free of duties only in connection with a move.
- Vehicles must be in use and possession of the shipper for at least 6 months in the origin country.
- A tax called "Normverbrauchsabgabe" (NOVA) or a standard consumption tax (between 8 and 14% of the actual value) must be paid at the time of registration.
- NOVA is calculated on the average gas consumption of the individual model.
- The owner of car must have lived outside the EC for at least 1 year.
- The vehicle must be cleared separate from the household goods and personal effects.
- After Customs clearance, motor vehicles including automobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, and mopeds cannot be sold or transferred unless Customs duties and VAT are paid.
- A separate Customs clearance at a qualified Customs office is required (not every Customs office is authorized for Customs clearance).

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- If the shipper is arriving to Austria via personal vehicle, an application should be made to the Austrian Frontier Customs Office for a Form T 1.

PETS

Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate

Specific Information

- Pets may be imported free of duties.
- Cats and dogs may be imported without prior authorization; contact agent for information on the import of other animals.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Firearms (an official permit is required)
- Pump guns
- Spirits, cigarettes, tobacco, perfumes for personal consumption (an Import Permit is required).
- Antiques, if over 100 years of age are duty free but subject to value added tax (VAT) in addition to Customs duties and taxes (a Certificate of Appraisal from an Austrian expert is generally required)
- New furniture, appliances, gifts, souvenirs, and objects of art / antiques are subject to duties and taxes (a Certificate of Circulation of Goods and Import Permit are required, where applicable).
- Plants and plant products (a Plant Protection Certificate is required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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Helpful Website(s):

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_965.html

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