



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Passport
- Swedish Customs Form Foersaekran
- Detailed inventory in English or Swedish
- Ocean Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Letter of Employment / Lease Agreement, etc. showing employment or time abroad for at least 1 year (from origin country)
- Letter of Employment / Lease Agreement, etc. showing employment and residence in Sweden for at least 1 year
- Residence Permit (foreigners)
- Diplomatic Franchise (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- Household goods, including but not limited to, furniture and personal effects must be used for at least 6 months prior to import.
- Shipments must arrive within 1 year after the owner's arrival (foreigners).
- For returning citizens, the consignment must arrive in connection with their own return (see Customs form to determine immigrant and returning person status).
- The shipper must be in Sweden upon Customs clearance but is not required to be present during the clearance process.
- Household goods and personal effects must not be brought into Sweden for commercial use or for the use of other persons.
- The detailed inventory must be descriptive, stating contents of each item and carton and cannot include expressions such as "miscellaneous," "garage items," "PBO" (packed by owner)," etc.
- A physical inspection of the shipment is generally not required for Customs clearance, but Customs may request that one be completed.
- A Customs exemption is granted for goods other than alcohol for persons immigrating or returning to Sweden after more than 1 year outside the European Union (EU), and must have had a permanent residence in Sweden for at least 1 year.
- All wooden material used for crates, liftvans, bulk heads, etc. to all EU countries must be made of treated wood per the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15) and with certified stamp. This does not apply for manufactured furniture.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Sales Invoice (must include price, date, and place of purchase)
- Title / Registration
- OBL

Specific Information

- The shipper must be present for Customs clearance.
- The vehicle must be used and owned by the shipper for at least 1 year prior to import.
- Only one vehicle per person can be imported.

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- Vehicles not included as part of the household goods shipments are subject to Customs fees, duties and value added tax (VAT).
- Customs clearance takes approximately 1-2 days.
- Vehicles may not be sold within one year of import.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

Specific Information

- Permission from the Agriculture Department is required.
- All animals are subject to quarantine regulations.
- The quarantine period takes approximately 4 months.
- The owner must be present for Customs clearance.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Medicines (a doctor's prescription is required and must be for personal use only; only a 5-day supply is permitted)
- New furniture (a sales invoice with prices, date and place of purchase as well as a packing list is required)
- Plants, fruit and vegetables (a Plant Passport / Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Plant Protection Service may be required; contact the destination agent for specific information)
- Products and goods made from animals (special permission is required)

Alcohol and Tobacco

- Must be declared and are subject to tax and duty
- Subject to destruction at Customs discretion (charges will still apply)
- Importation may be expensive
- Customs clearance takes approximately 3 weeks
- Contact the destination agent for details

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Narcotics and illegal 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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<http://www.swedenabroad.com/washington>

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/sw>