



Importing Personal Property Into

SWEDEN

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- The goods have been owned and used by the shipper for at least 6 months prior to importation. Wedding gifts may be new (marriage license required).
- The shipper is an immigrant or returning Swedish citizen, has lived abroad for at least 1 year, and intends to take up residence in Sweden for at least 1 year. (Note: Swedish customs may grant an exemption if the shipper “clearly intended” to reside outside of Sweden for a continuous period of at least 1 year.)
- The goods constitute household necessities or have been used abroad by the shipper or family members.
- The importation takes place no later than 1 year after the shipper’s arrival.

Notes:

- New furniture and appliances are subject to customs duty and Value Added Tax (V.A.T.).
- Works of art and antiques are allowed duty-free entry if they are part of a household goods shipment.
- The shipper must be present in Sweden for Customs clearance.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Documentation showing that shipper (and family when applicable) was registered in the municipality of the non-EU country of departure where his/her normal place of residence was located
- ✓ Insurance documents (where applicable)
- ✓ 3 copies of the detailed household goods inventory in Swedish, English, German or French. “PBO” (packed by owner) and/or Misc. (miscellaneous) are unacceptable.
- ✓ Swedish Customs Form (Försäkran for Flyttsakstullfrihef) signed by the shipper and witnessed in Sweden.
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Airway Bill
- ✓ Certificate and/or contract of employment

- ✓ Lease/tenancy agreement
- ✓ Certificate attesting to migration to Sweden
- ✓ New items require the following:
 - ✓ Commercial invoices
 - ✓ Movement certificate
- ✓ Inherited items require: estate inventory list signed by executor, copy of the will

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

- Diplomats can import goods duty-free provided they have the proper documentation.
- Employees of recognized international NGOs may also import duty free

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Special permit obtained from the Swedish Foreign Department
- ✓ Household goods inventory

RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Firearms require an import license issued by the Swedish Police and must be presented to Customs.
- Plants and vegetables require an import license that can be obtained from the Plant Protection Institute in Sweden. Plants must also be accompanied by a certificate from the Plant Protection authority in the country of origin.
- Spirits, wine, beer and tobacco are subject to customs duty, V.A.T. and expensive handling charges. Importation of these items is discouraged.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Dangerous goods such as flick-knives, stilettos, switchblades, ammunition, fireworks and other explosive articles.
- Narcotics or drugs of any kind
- Certain kinds of cordless telephones and radio transmitters
- Certain feathers, furs, skins, ivory, etc. of animals coming under protected species regulations.
- Most kinds of animal products

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- If the shipper is able to import their household goods duty-free, their automobile may also be granted duty-free status.
- The shipper must be present for Customs clearance for the motor vehicle.
- Importation of one motor vehicle per shipper is permitted.
- The shipper must have owned and used the vehicle for at least one year.
- Dependent upon the type of automobile and the catalysis system, an “Environmental Fee” may be assessed by Customs.
- Charges may be payable if the vehicle is disposed of within one year of import.
- Shipper should request the forwarder to contact the destination agent prior to shipping an automobile to confirm current duties and regulations, as these change frequently.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Bill of sale stating price, date and place of purchase
- ✓ Customs form – separate from the household goods form
- ✓ Certificate of registration

- ✓ Insurance documents from country of origin
- ✓ “Interim Insurance” obtained from a Swedish insurance company

IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Before importing your pets, an import license must be obtained from the Swedish Board of Agriculture. The shipper should plan to apply for this license at least 30 days prior to the expected arrival date in Sweden.
- The pet must be quarantined for a minimum of 4 months and then kept in isolation by the owner for an additional 2 months. The shipper must make quarantine arrangements and confirm a reservation at a quarantine facility prior to importation.
- Quarantine is not required for pets from rabies-free countries.
- Dogs are not allowed importation if they have been vaccinated for leptospirosis 3 months prior arrival.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Veterinary Certificate issued 10 days or less prior to importation.
- ✓ Import Permit

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Household Goods Forwarders Association of America, 2005.
- Swedish Customs Department, www.tullverket.se/en/, 2005.
- 4moversww.com, April 2000.

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