



Importing Personal Property Into DENMARK

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The owner must be in Denmark at the time of customs clearance.
- Shipments originating in non-European Union (non-EU) countries:
 - Household goods have been owned and used for at least 6 months (3 months for shipments originating in the European Union). Goods are intended for the owner's continued use.
 - Owner must have resided abroad for at least 6 months. (Does not apply to Danes returning to Denmark – see below.)
- Returning Danes:
 - Must have resided abroad for at least 12 months. Proof of residence abroad must be substantiated through appropriate documentation from employers and authorities.
- Shipments must clear within 10 days of arrival to avoid storage charges.
- Shipment must arrive within one year of the customer's arrival in Denmark.

Diplomats:

- Diplomats employed with foreign missions in Denmark may import their personal belongings free of duty and customs inspection. A franchise issued by the local mission must be presented to customs. Returning Danish diplomats are not eligible for any customs exemptions.

Inheritance:

- Restrictions for household goods apply to inheritance. Duty-free entry is allowed within 2 years of the finalization of the estate. Required documents include a will or declaration issued and legalized by the attorneys handling the estate.

Other Notes:

- Household utensils and electrical appliances are allowed duty-free entry if part of a household goods shipment.
- Electrical appliances must conform to Danish specifications.
- All new items (less than 6 months old) are subject to 22% V.A.T.; required documents include an invoice and a Certificate of Origin.

Required Documents:

- ✓ A complete inventory in English
- ✓ Copy of Registration with the Danish authorities (folkeregister)
- ✓ Declaration of free entry, listing alcohol and tobacco products and any autos or other vehicles being imported.
- ✓ Proof of Residence abroad for minimum of 6 months
- ✓ Residence visa
- ✓ Residence permit
- ✓ Work permit
- ✓ Bill of lading or air waybill
- ✓ Copy of identification pages from passport
- ✓ If alcoholic beverages are included, see bullet in *Restricted Items* section (page 2).

IMPORTATION FOR A SECONDARY RESIDENCE

- Duty-free entry of one shipment may be granted by special application.
- The effects must have been owned and used for at least 6 months.
- The secondary residence must have been owned or rented for at least 24 months and must be readily available to the customer.
- The effects are not to be sold, lent or leased out for at least 12 months from the date of import.
- Customs may require a deposit equal to the duties and taxes of the imported goods.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of the property deed or rental lease
- ✓ Proof of residence abroad

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Narcotics
- Medications not approved by the Danish Health Authorities
- Firearms and ammunition, unless a license is issued by the Danish Ministry of Justice.
- Metals (gold and silver in bar form)
- Live plants must have a license granted by the Danish Governmental Plant Protection Service.
- Live, dead and pre-manufactured parts of Animals mentioned in the Washington Convention, unless a license is granted by Danish Nature Conservancy Board.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

- If alcoholic beverages are included, a detailed inventory must be provided. The inventory must state the brand, alcohol %, quantity and volume of each bottle included in the shipment. Each bottle must be listed separately unless the bottles are identical.
- Wine and alcohol are subject to duty and tax. Full and partially full bottles will be assessed tax & duty. Only a small quantity of alcohol is considered part of household goods. Permission from the local customs office must be obtained for anything in excess of the following amounts: 10 liters of spirits; 20 liters fortified wine (not exceeding 22% volume); 90 liters wine (60 liters of which may be sparkling wine); and 110 liters beer.
- Tobacco is subject to duty and tax. It is not advisable to include any tobacco products in a shipment.
- Tinned goods and general foods are governed by varying rules.

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Used automobiles originating in non-EU countries are generally subject to 10% duty and 25% VAT.
- Automobiles, motorcycles, airplanes, pleasure craft, motor homes and trailers coming from the EU are allowed duty-free entry, provided they were owned and registered abroad to the owner for at least 6 months, and have at least 6,000 miles on the odometer.
- Vehicles are subject to a registration tax, which is extremely high (varies from 100 to 200%).
- Persons living in Denmark are not allowed to drive vehicles registered abroad.
- The vehicle must not be sold or otherwise disposed of within 12 months of importation.
- Following customs clearance, the owner must be present to take care of the registration process. For detailed information on this process, refer to: http://www.workindenmark.dk/Bringing_your_car

Required Documents for Motor Vehicles:

- ✓ Registration certificate & insurance card issued in country of origin
- ✓ Third party insurance (Green Card)
- ✓ Proof of residing outside the EU for at least 12 continuous months.

DOGS AND CATS

- Pets may be accompanied or unaccompanied. Unaccompanied pets require a health inspection by a veterinary officer immediately upon arrival. The officer should be notified of the pet's arrival at least 24 hours in advance. These animals must also be accompanied by a health certificate for commercial movement.
- Dogs and cats must have a standards-compliant microchip or highly legible tattoo.
- Pets other than cats and dogs require a special permit from the Veterinary Directorate.
- Birds from the United States must comply with additional requirements. Pets from certain countries may require a rabies serological test. (Healthy animals generally will not require quarantine.) Please refer to the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration's website for more information:
www.uk.foedevarestyrelsen.dk.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Health Certificate dated 1 month or less prior to arrival. The certificate should state that the area of origin was free from rabies for at least 60 days.
- ✓ Certificate of Rabies Inoculation dated 3 weeks to 12 months prior to arrival.
- ✓ Dogs and cats under the age of three months do not have to be vaccinated against rabies. They require a certificate of health issued less than 10 days prior to the pet's arrival in Denmark.

ART AND ANTIQUES

- Works of art and antiques are allowed duty-free entry, if part of a household goods shipment.
- Antiques are subject to a 22% V.A.T.

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- Danmark 2007
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http://www.uk.foedevarestyrelsen.dk/ImportExport/Travelling_with_pet_animals/forside.htm, 2007
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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.