Country Guide: United Kingdom Used Household Goods and Personal Effects



Documents Required

- 1. Legible copy of passport
- 2. Detailed inventory in English, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- 3. Transfer of Residence (ToR)
- 4. Copy of bill of lading (BL) / air waybill (AWB)
- 5. C426 with cover letter from respective embassy (diplomat)

Specific Information

- 1. As of 1/1/17, owners of the goods must go online to apply for a Transfer of Residence (ToR).
 - a. An approval will allow the owner of the goods to import their personal & household effects goods into the UK with relief from import duties and charges.
 - b. Application must be made before packing shipment.
 - c. Once approval is obtained, the owner of the goods will be given a Unique Reference Number (URN) which will need to be passed onto UK Customs in place of the previous customs form C3.
 - d. The C3 form will become obsolete on 3/31/2017 and will not be acceptable for Customs clearance after this date.
 - e. The link to the ToR application can be found at the end of this document
 - f. Contact destination agent for further questions.
- 2. Documents must be received by agent prior to arrival of the shipment.
- 3. The agent may charge fees for incomplete or delayed receipt of documentation.
- 4. Inherited goods require C1421 form, copy of death certificate, and copy of the living will
- 5. You must submit the ToR application within 12 months of the date of entry into the UK.
- 6. You can bring personal belongings or private vehicles free of duty and tax as long as you:
 - a. are moving your normal place of residence to the UK only
 - b. have had your normal place of residence outside the EU for a continuous period of at least 12
 - have possessed and used the belongings for at least 6 months outside the EU before they're

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- 1. ToR1 Application
- 2. Original bill of lading / air way bill
- 3. Declaration form C384 (if less than 6 months old)
- 4. Copy of registration documents proving ownership
- 5. Insurance policy documentation (copies from country of origin proving use)
- 6. Utility bills / bank statements that prove place of residence was outside the European Union and exceeded 12 months

Specific Information

- 1. Duty-free entry is permitted if the vehicle has been possessed and used for at least 6 months outside the European Union before it is imported and will not be sold or otherwise disposed of for 12 months after the date of importation.
- 2. Owners of the goods register their intention to import a vehicle in advance to starting the process of shipping with the DVLA.

Pets

Documents Required

- 1. Vaccination record
- 2. Veterinary health certificate
- 3. Form C5
- 4. Import license

Specific Information

- 1. Animals must comply with the Pets Travel Scheme (PETS)
- 2. Pets must be licensed by the Animal Health department
- 3. Pets are quarantined upon entry into the country
- 4. Animals must be fitted with a microchip (Scotland)
- 5. Dogs must receive a tapeworm treatment within 105 days of arrival (Scotland)
- 6. Pets that do not qualify to enter Scotland / United Kingdom under the Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals are required to obtain an import license prior to import.
- 7. Pets will be detained at the owner's expense at an approved quarantine facility until compliant.
 - Call agent to verify that a facility is available in the country.
- 8. Certain requirements must be met regarding the vaccination against rabies for specific countries.
 - Contact the destination agent for additional information.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- 1. Firearms, explosives, and ammunition
- 2. Fruit, vegetable, and plant products
- 3. Cigarettes (200), cigarillos (100), cigars (50), tobacco (250g)
- 4. Spirits / liqueurs (more than 22% 1 liter)
- 5. Fortified wine or alcohol less than 22% (2 liters), still wine (4 liters), beer (16 L)
- 6. Imitation firearms
- 7. Offensive weapons
- 8. Live animals
- 9. Endangered animals or plants and products thereof (required a valid CITES permit)
- 10. Fur skins and articles made from fur skin
- 11. Radio transmitters
- 12. Rough diamonds
- 13. Animal food products

Prohibited Items

- 1. Illicit drugs
- 2. Knives
- 3. Self-defense sprays
- 4. Stun guns
- 5. Indecent and obscene material
- 6. Counterfeit, pirated and patent-infringing goods
- 7. Milk products from outside the European Union (England, Scotland)

Link to find TOR Application

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-transfer-of-residence-tor-relief-tor01