



# Importing Personal Property Into Finland

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- If imported from a **European Union (EU) country:**
  - Duty-free and tax-free entry is permitted except for prohibitions referred to in Article 36 in the Treaty of Rome.
- If imported from a **non-EU country:**
  - Goods have been used by the shipper and his/her family members abroad.
  - Shipper has lived abroad for at least 12 months.

### Notes:

- The quantity of the goods must be of a reasonable amount.
- New household goods are subject to customs duties and tax.
- New immigrants who are moving from a non-EU country must have established a place of residence in Finland prior to Customs clearance.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ For goods imported from an **EU country:**
  - ✓ Inventory of goods
- ✓ For goods imported from a **non-EU country:**
  - ✓ Inventory in Finnish, Swedish, English or German, of the goods with exact number of packages.
  - ✓ Import Declaration (Customs Form 45)
  - ✓ Copy of Passport
  - ✓ Proof of employment
  - ✓ New furniture requires:
    - ✓ Sales invoice with prices, dates and place of purchase.
    - ✓ Separate packing list.
    - ✓ Must be declared separately on the Customs Form 45.

### DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:

- Duty-free entry will be granted.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS:

- ✓ Inventory of the goods.
- ✓ Obligation for privilege to be lodged by the Foreign Ministry.

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- Firearms are only allowed entry when accompanied by a Finnish License. If the license is not available at the time of import, the firearm will be taken by Customs and released only after receipt of the Finnish License.
- Alcoholic beverages are subject to high duties and extra customs clearance charges. For more than 5 liters, a special permit for importation must be obtained from the Alcoholic Monopoly. Boxes containing alcoholic beverages must be clearly marked and noted on the inventory.
- Tobacco and tobacco products are subject to customs duty and VAT.
- Plants and vegetable products require a Phytosanitary Certificate.
- Walkie-talkies and radios.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Explosives and fireworks
- Pornographic materials
- Skins, hides or tusks from animals under the Protected Species Regulation.
- Narcotics
- Clasp knives and automatic weapons

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND ART

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Automobiles and motorcycles are allowed duty-free entry if the shipper has lived abroad for at least one year prior to importation. It is also required that the shipper or the shipper's spouse used the vehicle abroad for at least 6 months.
- Vehicle tax may apply to vehicles imported from either another EU country or a non-EU country. If tax exemption is not obtained, the taxes will be assessed at 50-60% of the retail price of a similar automobile in Finland.
- The automobile cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of for 2 years after importation.
- The automobile must conform to U.S. or European exhaust regulations.
- Only one vehicle per person is permitted.
- Trailers, caravans, boats, mopeds, snowmobiles, airplanes and other vehicles are duty-free if the vehicle has been used by the shipper or his family abroad for at least 6 months.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Customs Form 53.
- ✓ Documentation of length of stay abroad, such as a certificate provided by the employer.
- ✓ Certificate of registration
- ✓ Sales invoice with price, date and place of purchase
- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Traffic insurance policy valid in Finland.
- ✓ Driver's License

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### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Pets are duty-free if proof of ownership is available.
- Only dogs, cats and birds are permitted.
- Pets are subject to 3 months quarantine.
- Veterinarian inspection at port of entry required for all animals except cats and dogs.
- Cats and dogs must have valid vaccination against rabies.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Health Certificate
- ✓ Import Permit from Ministry of Agriculture

### IMPORTATION OF WORKS OF ART OR ANTIQUES:

- Duty-free entry is permitted if part of a household goods shipment or if the items are more than 100 years old.
- If the antiques or works of art are imported for re-sale, then different regulations apply.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Inventory of the goods.

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.