



# Importing Personal Property Into Ireland

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The household goods are used.
- The goods have been in the owner's possession and use for at least 6 months.
- The goods are for the owner's continued use and not for resale.
- The shipper must have resided outside of the European Community for at least 12 months.

### **Notes:**

- Importation must take place 6 months prior to or 12 months following transfer of residence.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Proof of employment in Ireland.

### **If relocating from other EU Member States:**

- ✓ Irish Customs Form 1047
- ✓ 2 copies of a legible inventory in English with same signature of shipper as on Form 1047.
- ✓ Evidence of transfer of normal residence; required details of which are printed on the cover of Form 1047 Section 3.

### **If relocating from Non EU Member States:**

- ✓ Form C&E 1076

**Note:** Shippers relocating to Northern Ireland will need to fill out a C-3 Form.

### **NEW FURNITURE:**

- Items owned for less than 6 months are subject to Customs duties and VAT and should be shown separately on the customs documents.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Purchase invoice
- ✓ Sales invoice clearly identifying item's price paid, date and location.

### **DUTIBALE/ RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- Gold and silver require a Statutory Declaration (Form CU 56).
- Meat Products
- Live Plants
- Alcohol and tobacco (subject to Customs duty plus 21% VAT). Strongly recommend not including these items in your shipment

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Narcotics and drugs
- Explosives
- Pornography
- Guns, weapons, explosive or ammunition of any kind (unless shipper obtains a permit from the Department of Justice).
- Meat products and fresh foods
- Agricultural goods

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Wine/Spirit require separate inventory listing each bottle in 3 sub sections:
  - ✓ Maker's name
  - ✓ Percentage proof
  - ✓ CL volume

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Can be imported free of Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) and import charges if proof of transfer of residence in addition to ownership and use of the vehicle outside of Ireland for at least 6 months can be provided.
- **Residency Requirements:** the shipper must have lived outside of Ireland at the time of transfer (if within the EU). If moving from outside of the EU, then the shipper must have had **\*normal residency** for at least 12 months outside of Ireland.
- **\*Normal Residency:** is the location where you lived for at least 185 days in the year prior to your transfer, either due to occupational or personal ties. In the case in which your occupational ties were in a different country than your personal ties, then the country of your personal ties is considered your normal residency.
- **Vehicle Requirements:**
  - Part of shipper's personal property.
  - Taxes on it were paid at time of purchase.
  - It has have been in the shipper's possession and use for at least 6 months. To avoid paying import charges, the vehicle must have been used at the shipper's former normal residency.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Form C & E 1077 for a shipper moving from an EU country or Form C & E 1076 if moving from outside of the EU.
- ✓ Form VRT (motor vehicles) or Form VRT 5 (motor cycles).
- ✓ **Proof of Residency:** acquisition and disposal of property abroad and in Ireland; employment abroad and in Ireland; transactions of daily living; and travel records.
- ✓ **Proof of ownership/use of vehicle** for at least 6 months prior to moving to Ireland: vehicle registration, insurance certificates, sales invoice, document showing date the vehicle was brought into Ireland.

### IMPORTATION OF DOG AND CATS:

- Ireland is a rabies-free country; therefore the regulations for the importation of animals are very stringent.
- Dogs/cats are subject to a **minimum** of 6 months quarantine in licensed premises. The animal will undergo two rabies vaccinations while in quarantine. There is only one public approved quarantine facility:
  - Lissenhall Quarantine Kennels and Catteries  
Lissenhall, Swords, Co  
Dublin  
Telephone: 353-1-8401776  
Fax: 353-1-8409338
- You should make arrangements (approximately 10 months in advance) prior to your pet's arrival at Lissenhall.
- It is possible to arrange to have the pet quarantined for one month at Lissenhall and five months at the owners existing permanent residence. The owner must apply at least 3 months prior to importation of the pet for this arrangement. The residence must then be inspected and pre-approved by the Department's Veterinary Inspectorate.
- The owner must arrange transportation for the pet from the airport to the quarantine facility through Irish Rail, (Road Freight Section), 48 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, telephone: 353-1-7034262, 7034307), Fax: 353-1-7034391).

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Dogs/Cats imported from countries other than Great Britain, the Channel Island and the Isle of Man require an **Import License** (Form PQA) and a **Form of Declaration and Health** (Form PQB) from the:
  - ✓ Irish Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, Floor 3 Centre, Agriculture House, Kildare Street Dublin 2, Ireland  
(Telephone: 011-353-1-607.2000)  
E-mail: quarantine.dublin@daff.irlgov.ie
- ✓ Rabies Vaccination Certificate

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