



Importing Personal Property Into Denmark

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the client for a minimum of twelve months. The goods must be imported within one year of arrival into Denmark. Items must be for clients continued use and can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of. Client must be registered as a resident in Denmark prior to the arrival of the shipment.

All household goods shipments arriving by sea, air, rail or road must be cleared through Customs at point of entry. Storage in a bonded warehouse is usually not possible.

Returning Citizens: Must have lived abroad for at least one year to qualify for duty-free importation of belongings. May be required to provide proof of residence outside of the EU for a minimum of twelve (12) months. This can be satisfied by a letter from an employer, rental agreement or letter from one's financial institution while abroad that attests to a minimum of 12 months outside of Denmark.

NOTE: As of 19 August 2010 an EORI (Economic Operators Registration and Identification) number is required for all imports and exports to clear Customs in the European Union.

The EORI number must be used in all electronic communications with Customs Offices and other government agencies and departments. This number is valid in all EU member states and replaces ALL Customs identification numbers including the TIN (Traders Identification Number).

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport – copy, including identification pages
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Lease/rental contract –proof of residence in Denmark
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original
- ✓ Pack List – in English: contents of “PBO” boxes must be stated on the inventory, term “MISC” is not allowed
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – required if alcohol, soda or bottled water is in shipment

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are free of duty and Customs inspection of their personal effects and household items.

Returning Danish diplomats are not entitled to diplomatic privileges upon return and are subject to Customs clearance regulations and payment of taxes and duties on restricted items if any.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise – issued by Embassy or local foreign mission
- ✓ Passport – copy of photo and identification pages
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Works of Art, paintings & carpets – duty-free, recommended to contact destination agent prior to shipping for additional requirements if any
- ✓ Antiques – duty free, but subject to VAT of 25% of value, must have a certificate proving age of at least 100 years
- ✓ Firearms - require an Import License from Ministry of Justice issued by the local Police office & Shooting Permit; otherwise prohibited with out these permits
- ✓ New items – incur duty and VAT
- ✓ Alcohol & bottled beverages (soda, water etc) – must state brand, quantity and size of bottles, alcohol content if applicable. *accept for identical bottles, it is a requirement that the inventory provides separate listing per bottle, subject to tax & duty, no limits on quantity
- ✓ Tobacco – subject to tax & duty, no limits on quantity
- ✓ Food (dry & canned only) – allowed w/HHG shipments; if arriving separately, will be considered commercial goods requiring an import permit
- ✓ Inheritance – may be imported free of duty within 2 years of estate finalization; client must present either a will or notarized legal declaration from the attorney for the estate

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Medicines - not approved by the Danish Health Authority
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Furs, skins, tusks horns etc – must be in compliance with CITES regulations
- ✓ Live plants – without permission from the Danish government Plant Protection Service & certificate from origin authorities stating plant is disease free

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Pets may be imported from most countries provided all required documents are valid and available at port of entry. All original documents must accompany the pet throughout the transport process to be available to veterinary authorities at each point transship/border crossing. Up to 5 pets are allowed importation. Pets from certain countries may be required to undergo a rabies serological test prior to importation into the EU. Quarantine will not be required for healthy pets.

Refer to www.foedevarestyrelsen.dk for current information.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated 30 days to 11 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated no more than 30 days old issued by a Veterinarian
- ✓ Micro-chip or tattoo – must be verified against the Health certificate before any entry is allowed

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles including motorbikes, boats and airplanes are duty-free but are subject to high registration tax. Vehicles must be in owner's possession for a minimum of six months and can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of for the first 12 months of residency in Denmark. Following Customs clearance the owner must register the vehicle in person within 14 days. Vehicles must pass a technical exam before being allowed to apply for the tax registration. A deposit toward the tax is paid and a certificate will be

issued which will be required to apply for the registration plates with the police department. Refer to www.fstyr.dk or www.toldskat.dk for current information.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & Insurance Policy/Card

Required Items for paying Registration Tax:

- ✓ The vehicle
- ✓ Technical approval –obtained from Statens Bilinspektion
- ✓ Certificate of Registration - must be original, from origin country
- ✓ Receipt for payment of duties or VAT - if applicable
- ✓ Application Form 21.009 – stating provisional tax
- ✓ Funds in cash or check (issued by a local Danish bank) – for payment of deposit amount for the tax

NOTES:

Consignment Tips: Clearly mark all waybills “Used household goods and personal effects”. Do not attach inventory list used for insurance purposes with the documents enclosed in the shipment. Once the shipment is booked it is recommended to immediately fax the pre-alert, AWB/BL copies, passport copy, pack list and full contact details to the Destination Agent along with the shipping schedule.

Safety & Security: US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As a member of the European Union, Denmark has ISPM15 requirements in place for wood packaging material (WPM).

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Euromovers: Taastrup, Copenhagen

Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1100.html

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

FIDI Global Alliance

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

International Association of Movers

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.