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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods – all immigrants and Belgian nationals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client. Copy of passport showing client's signature Proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to inscription/arrival in Belgium. Certificate of residence from the Belgian commune where client will take up residence. Customs declaration to be completed and signed by client (recommended; document available at your Belgian mover). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duty free entry for household goods provided the importation takes place within one year after the official change of residence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If all documents are not available, guarantee (bond) must be paid. The guarantee amounts to 10% customs duties and 21 % VAT. The total guarantee amount (if applicable) is refunded within 6 months on presentation of the original certificate of residence, or any other missing documents. A disciplinary penalty may also be applied.
Removal goods - to secondary residence in Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory, showing continuous numbers and signature of client. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT. Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duty-free entry for secondary residence is no longer possible in Belgium.
Diplomatic removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declaration 136 F signed and stamped by persons with authority of the Embassy and by the customer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signatures and stamp shown on the declaration 136 F must be on file at the Customs house, where the importation takes place. Alcohol importation for diplomats: see under "Wine and Alcohol" section. 	
Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same documents as for Removal goods. Marriage certificate. Inventory which must show the value of each item and must be endorsed "These are wedding gifts". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duty free entry, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country of origin is granting the same rights (this does not apply to private vehicles and cattle, wedding presents, and goods to be used for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free entry is only granted once on the marriage. The shipment may be imported under one name or both names.

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		<p>commercial purposes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The importation is made 2 months before and within 4 months after. ▪ The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned. ▪ No items' value may exceed 11.155 €. ▪ Goods are manifestly part of their household effects. ▪ No liquor or alcohol may be included. 	
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Application form for duty free entry. ▪ Inventory in duplicate (must be signed). ▪ Certificate from the Town Hall of his place of residence or identity document issued prior to the death (evidencing that the heir is an inhabitant of the Belgo-Luxemburg-Economic-Union). ▪ Certificate that he is an heir, by means of an attestation from a notary or certified copy or extract of the declaration of succession. ▪ Certified death certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The goods are used. ▪ The beneficiary of the exemption has his principal residence in the Belgo-Luxemburg-Economic-Union. ▪ The importation takes place within 6 months of the date on which the goods were at the disposal of the heir. ▪ The exemption does not apply to goods to be used for commercial purposes, such as commercial vehicle, raw, semi-finished and finished products, cattle and agricultural equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The date on which the goods are at the disposal of the heirs can be different : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Date of the death. ▪ Date of solution of disputes. ▪ Date of the consignment of payment of the death duties. ▪ Date of issue of the export permit, provided that, as regards the last 3 dates, the party concerned has not adjourned these due to negligence or fault. ▪ Objects, which for humanitarian reasons and with the consent of the heirs remain in use by the surviving spouse can be imported within 6 months of the date on which the objects were placed at the disposal of the heirs. ▪ The same tolerance applies to objects left at the disposal of the person surviving a close relationship he or she lived with.
New furniture and household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original purchase certificates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of customs duty and VAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exact percentage depends on the nature of the goods.

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Precious metal objects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goods are manifestly part of their household effects. ▪ Goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Silverware is subject to the same conditions as removal goods.
Motor vehicles – Motor cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of passport showing client' signature. ▪ Motorcars must be shown on the inventory, with mark, chassis number, motor number and type and colour of the coachwork. ▪ An insurance document valid for 6 months prior to the car's importation. ▪ Original certificate of title. ▪ Belgian or European insurance document Purchase invoice (Sales contract). ▪ Certificate of residence from the Belgian commune where client will take up residence. ▪ Official proof of living abroad for the 12 months prior to arrival/inscription in Belgium. ▪ Customs declaration to be completed and signed by client (recommended: document available at your Belgian mover). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car has a minimum mileage of 6000 km and, ▪ The owners have had the car in their own use and possession for at least 6 months before the change of residence and, ▪ The taxes (sales tax or V.A.T.) were paid in country of origin. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customer must also be importing removal goods in order to get a VAT and duty free import. ▪ If possible, licence plates need to be kept on the car to avoid problems, and to allow driving on Belgian roads pending final naturalization of the car. <p>Important note :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Belgium requires EURO 4 emission norm as a minimum, in order for vehicles to be registered and allowed on the Belgian roads. ▪ Get advice from your destination agent before shipping to Belgium.
Motor vehicles – others (caravans, trailers, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs form (Benelux 4 certificate issued against deposit of triptyque or carnet): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the trailer, semi-trailer or caravan is not imported under the conditions shown in the column " Customs Prescriptions". ▪ If imported with another means of transport (e.g.: trailers, which arrived per ship and continue their journey per road, after having been attached to a tractor vehicle, registered in Belgium or in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry for trailers, provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The trailer is drawn at the time of importation by a motor-road-vehicle registered abroad. ▪ The trailer, if not registered abroad, shows visible traces of use. 	

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Machines, appliances and equipment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry (with some restrictions). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if goods are manifestly part of their household effects. ▪ The goods correspond in nature and quantity to the social standing of the party concerned.
Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shooting licence. ▪ Name, number and calibre of the firearms must figure on the inventory. ▪ Some firearms must be registered with the local Police department and registration of certificate/licence is needed. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms must be loaded in a way that they can be easily taken out of the removal shipment during Customs inspection. ▪ Do not ship any firearms unless specifically approved by the Belgian authorities prior to shipping.
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phytosanitary certificate (issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the country of origin). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same applies for vegetable products.
Domestic animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of vaccination (vaccination against rabies). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation granted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The certificate must be dated at least 30 days before the entry into Belgium but cannot be older than 1 year.
Presents & souvenirs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of customs duties. 	
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detailed inventory list. ▪ For diplomats: separate 136F for wine and alcohol. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For non-diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of taxes and duties. ▪ For diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exemption from payment of taxes and duties, limited to an annual quota agreed by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective embassies in the country 	



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