



## Importing Personal Property into

# AUSTRIA

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The items have been owned and used by the shipper for at least 6 months.
- The shipper has been living abroad for at least 12 months.
- The goods will not be sold for at least 12 months after they are imported.

#### **Notes:**

- Shipments must occur within 1 years of the shipper's arrival.
- Machinery and equipment can be imported duty-free.
- Inherited goods must be used and may be sold by the heir within 6 months.
- When taking up residence in Austria all persons must report their name and address within 3 days of their arrival to the local authorities using a special form (Meldezette).

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Photocopy of passport showing signature and personal details
- ✓ Inventory in triplicate
- ✓ Residence Permit valid for at least 12 months, stamped into passport, except if shipper is a citizen of England, Ireland, Iceland, Holland or Switzerland.
- ✓ Certificate of Residence Change
- ✓ Entry certificate from police station of municipal office

- ✓ Exit certificate or certificate of stay abroad verifying the shipper resided outside of Austria for at least 12 months. Official proof can also be provided in the form of a statement from local authorities of the previous residence or the shipper's employer.
- ✓ Objects of art and antiques require invoices in duplicate and expert appraisal, if applicable.
- ✓ New furniture, domestic appliances, gifts and souvenirs require the following documents: invoices in duplicate, certificates of circulation of goods, and import permits, where applicable.
- ✓ **For Returning Austrian Citizens:**
  - ✓ Letter of employment stating the shipper resided abroad for at least 12 months.

#### **DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS:**

- Diplomats may also import new items free from duties.

#### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS:**

- ✓ Declaration from the Embassy attested by the Foreign Office
- ✓ Packing list in triplicate

## RESTRICTED / PROHIBITED ITEMS; IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Foodstuffs, beverages and other consumables
- Perfume
- New items, appliances and gifts will incur duties.
- A special permit is required for firearms, weapons and ammunition.
- A plant protection certificate is required if importing plants or plant products.
- Objects of art and antiques require invoices in duplicate and possibly an expert appraisal.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Drugs
- Pornographic materials

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Motor vehicles may be imported duty-free if they have been owned and used outside of the European Union for at least 6 months. They must not be sold or disposed of within 2 years of their importation.
- Vehicles may require modifications to meet the Austrian specifications.
- The application for Austrian plates is required immediately after importation. The old country plates are required for this transaction.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Cargo Partner, "Customs Formalities", 2003

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Purchase invoice
- ✓ Type certificate
- ✓ Proof of insurance
- ✓ Log book
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Original registration with police or local authority in Austria
- ✓ Exit Certificate

### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Dogs and cats are allowed importation if accompanied by the required documentation.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Health and Vaccination Certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. The certificate must be in German or have an attached certified German translation. The certificate must include the following information:
  - ✓ Name and address of the owner
  - ✓ Animal's breed, sex, age and color
  - ✓ Date of inoculation against rabies, brand of the vaccine recognized by the U.S. Public Health Service, name of producer and production code. The rabies vaccine must be administered at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months before the pet's entry into Austria.
- ✓ A blank bilingual vaccination certificate may be obtained by contacting the Austrian Embassy at [obwascon@sysnet.net](mailto:obwascon@sysnet.net).

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.