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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods for the principal residence (from countries outside the EU).	 Passport copy Detailed inventory list in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. Certificate of non resale Certificate of change of residence by the French Consulate stipulating the date of arrival in the country and the date of change of residence (during the last 12 months) Certificate of transfer done on a letterhead by the employer with date of employment in the origin country and date of transfer (during the last 12 months) Proof of residence in France (electricity, phone bills) Two originals (three in case of transit) of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01): declaration of duty exemption entry of personnel effects coming from a country outside the EU. Standard copies are available at the French customs offices or on internet 	 Duty free entry, provided that: The importer has had his domicile for at least one year outside the EU. Personal effects and vehicles have been used by the importer for at least 6 months. 	 Goods must be imported within 12 months of the date of transfer of residence. If goods come in separate consignments, they must all be shown on the first inventory list deposited with Customs. Goods must remain with the importer's possession for at least 12 months from the date of importation.
Personal effects or furniture for a secondary residence (from countries outside the EU)	 Authorisation certificate from the Regional Customs Directorate of the secondary residence area, upon request in triplicate, together with detailed inventory in French, valued in EUR, dated and signed. Evidence of ownership or renting Evidence of the normal residence abroad. Bill of transport and insurance of the removal goods. 	Duty and VAT 20% are due.	•
Wedding trousseaux, and presents.	 Marriage certificate (or family record book) A copy of the form (Cerfa N° 10070*01) Detailed valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. 	Duty free entry for: Trousseaux and household effects including new items. Presents received by the person transferring residency: Customs duty free for items with a unit value	 The required documents for the duty free entry must be remitted within 2 months before and 4 months after the date of the marriage. Deposit of a guarantee may be required.

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	·	less than 1000 euros	
Inheritance.	 Certificate from an official authority or a notary stating that the imported goods are obtained by inheritance and giving the inventory. Detailed and valued inventory in duplicate, which must be dated and signed. Documents showing that the importer has his residence in France. A non-resale form signed by the importer 	Duty free entry for inheritance goods.	The goods must be imported within two years of becoming the possession of the importer
Motor cars	In addition to the documents mentioned in "Removal goods" Original certificate of title at shipper's name (no leasing is authorised) Copy of the vehicle purchase invoice	Duty free entry as per "removal goods for the principal residence".	Both additional documents should be issued at least 6 months before the ETD of the vehicles and the shipper must have lived for at least 12 months in the origin country.
Raw materials semi-finished		Subject to payment of duties.	
products.			
Tobacco & related products		Subject to payment of duties.	
Alcohol		Subject to payment of duties.	
Important cellar provisions		Subject to payment of duties.	
Medicine, narcotics.	Authorisation from the Ministry of Health (Direction de la Pharmacie et du Médicament, 1, Place Fontenoy, 75700-Paris).		
Arms, ammunition.	Import permit issued by Directorate General of Customs, bureau D 3, 23bis, rue de l'Université, 75007 PARIS.		
Pets (dogs, cats, birds)	Health certificate issued by an official veterinary surgeon.		Conditions to import animals to France: Domestic animals originating from EU and/or a country outside the EU Wild animals subject to extinction threat.
General remark.			Personal goods can circulate freely within the European Community. However, some particularly sensitive items remain subject to regulation.

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			The list of these products has been established to take account of health, security, consumption, environment, and cultural considerations.
			For moves from outside the EU, if documents are missing and the importer needs his household effects immediately, you can ask the customs office for information on the existing possibilities. The importer may authorise another person to handle the formalities on his behalf.
			The customs duties are to be paid in French cash or with bank or postal cheques. If the payment is made by cheque, the cheque must be certified by your bank.
			The customs supplies on request of the importer a free trade card "carte de libre circulation" for example for camera, lens, radio, etc.
			This document proves the correct condition of the objects during a 10-year period.

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