
IMPORT REGULATIONS USA

Since the introduction of the Homeland Security Bill, **almost every incoming container is inspected (x-rayed)**. This can cause delays in customs clearance. You, as the mover, **must be in the U.S. when the goods arrive** in order to receive a customs clearance.

Required Documents

- Copy of passport
- Copy of visa or rather work permit
- Completed US Customs form 3299 „Declaration of free entry“
- Completed form „Supplemental Declaration for unaccompanied personal & household effects“
- Completed Power of Attorney

(We can provide you with these forms and help you fill them out)

Import Regulations

Generally, used household goods can be imported free of duties and taxes if all requirements are met and all forms available. Imported items should have been owned and used by you for more than one year.

Prohibited Items

- **Foodstuff:** perishables, plants, seeds, animal food, etc. – any type of food must be declared and will be inspected (delays and additional costs will be incurred). We therefore advise against importing any type of food.
- **Alcohol** is prohibited in some states. Where allowed, a detailed declaration must be made and duties and taxes must be paid. The clearance of wine and spirits causes delays and extra charges. We strongly discourage including wine and spirits in your shipment.
- Ivory, items made from protected species
- Items classified as harmful, such as narcotics and drugs, fireworks, dangerous toys

Cars and motor vehicles

Motor vehicles that have not been manufactured to conform with US Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection Agency standards cannot be imported without large-scale modifications. Any vehicle made in Europe for the European market does not conform to US standards. In addition the vehicle must have been owned and used by you for at least 6 months.

Power and TV System

Power: Germany: 220 Volt & 50 Hertz USA: 110 Volt & 60 Hertz
TV: Germany: PAL-System USA: NTSC-System

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