

### **Importing of household goods into the Netherlands**

European regulations apply for the importing of household goods into The Netherlands. In general, importing of goods from within the European Union is free of import tax and VAT. To import a car (maximum 2), boat or motorbike we must apply for a duty free import license at customs.

To import household goods from outside the European Union we must apply for a duty free import license at customs. A car (maximum 2), boat or motorbike can be a part of this move.

Conditions to import household goods free of import duties and VAT are: goods are owned and used by the moving family both before as well as 6 months after the actual date of moving and leave from the family's foreign address.

Regularly customs demands proof of leaving the foreign country, for example a deregistration document of the city where the family resided until the move. Customs may also request copies of purchasing bills or insurance policies and/or insurance bills, to show that people actually owned the goods longer than 6 months.

The goods are not allowed to be sold until 12 months after date of import. If you sell earlier, you must pay import duties, excise taxes and VAT. Customs is allowed to inspect this.

Reliable Moving offers you the service to apply for the necessary import licenses at customs. For this purpose it is necessary that the owner of the goods provides the following documents as soon as possible to the move-coordinator of Reliable Moving:

- Filled in duty free import form. This form can be downloaded at [www.reliablemoving.nl](http://www.reliablemoving.nl)
- Copy of the identification page of your passport
- Civilian registration in the city where you will reside
- Copy of purchase or rental agreement of your new house
- Employment statement of the company you work for, including the reason of your move to the Netherlands, the period of your employment and your salary.
- Packing lists of the goods you move
- If possible, a deregistration form of the city you lived in before your move.

Reliable Moving will send your application to customs and follow processing. Usually it takes 6 working days before the import license is being issued, but it can be as much as 6 weeks. The import license will be sent to Reliable Moving, after which the move can proceed. Shortly before the actual import date we will contact you to discuss delivery dates.

### **Importing a car, motorbike or boat**

Conditions for the duty free importing of a car, motorbike or boat are: the vehicle has been owned and used by the moving family at least 6 months before deregistration abroad and is a part of the move. You are not allowed to sell the vehicle in the first 12 months after the move.

To import a vehicle duty free both from an European Union country as well as a non-European Union country, a duty free import license has to be obtained from customs. The duty free import license application form has to be completed accompanied by the following documents:

- Duty free import form for your car / motorcycle (this form can be downloaded at [www.reliablemoving.nl](http://www.reliablemoving.nl)), inclusive:
  - Copy of the certificate of title
  - Copy of the purchase bill of your car / motorcycle / boat
  - Copy of the insurance papers of your car / motorcycle / boat
- Insurance form from the country of origin

After the arrival in the Netherlands, Reliable Moving will refer you to the RDW. You must have your car inspected, before being allowed to operate it in Holland. All other formalities for importing household goods are also applicable when importing a vehicle.