

Customs Regulations applicable when Moving to the UK

Moving to the United Kingdom or for that matter any country can become difficult-unless you make yourself aware of the customs regulation details in that country. After all, you do not want your belongings to be stranded in some port in the country. In some countries especially, customs regulations can be very stringent-and you may suddenly find yourself in a puddle. **So, do your homework or call us so we can guide you on all you have to do before you move!**

The customs regulations information listed on our website have been collected from several sources including information made-available-by embassies and government websites. Please use this information as a source of general information. **Schumacher Cargo Logistics is not responsible for any unknown changes to regulations.**

Moving Household Goods and Vehicles to the United Kingdom - Customs Regulations

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- All shipments inspected by Customs
- Used household goods, personal effects and tools/instruments of trade/profession duty-free if owned abroad for at least six months, are not for resale within twelve months of importation and are imported within twelve months before or after the date of transfer of residence (six months before or twelve months after for those coming from outside the EU)
- If arriving from outside EU, customer must have been abroad for twelve continuous months

DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- New items (less than six months old)
- Alcohol and tobacco products
- Maker's name, percentage proof and amount must be listed
- Perfumes
- Gold and silver (Statutory Declaration required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Guns, weapons, explosives or ammunition of any kind - unless license obtained from Department of Justice
- Agricultural goods (plants, plant products, hay, straw, peat moss, etc.)
- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic material
- Meat products and fresh foods

MOTOR VEHICLES

- Cars, trailers, etc. may be entered duty-free if owned six months prior to importation
- Autos may not be sold, lent out or disposed of within twelve months of importation
- Documents required:
 - Registration book
 - Original vehicle documents showing owner's name, engine and chassis number
 - Purchase Invoice
 - Title
 - Insurance Certificate (most recent and one dated more than 6 months ago)

PETS

- Dogs and cats require Import License, proof of inoculation, and six months quarantine

NOTE - Customs regulations of Ireland are subject to change at any time. The proceeding information is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to Ireland (this destination) and is being provided for general guidance to assist our Agents and Customers. Since such regulations are subject to change without notice, Schumacher Cargo cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays, or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance. Always double check with your local embassy or consulate before you make your move to Ireland.