



# Bringing your household effects to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community (EC) when furnishing, or after giving up, a secondary home

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(If you are bringing in:

- personal belongings, other than to/from a secondary home, use Form C3;
- private motor vehicles, use Form C104A (if permanently imported on transfer of your home to the EC) or C104F (if temporarily imported) or C179B (if previously exported from the EC);
- pets, use Form C5.)

This form is for you to declare your household effects to Customs and to claim any duty and tax free reliefs that may apply when you are:

- furnishing a **secondary home** in the UK, or
- giving up a **secondary home** which is outside the EC.

A **secondary home** is a home which you own or rent and use only occasionally, ie. it is **not** in the country where you have your normal home (see the definition of "normal home" overleaf).

Further details of the secondary home relief are given in Customs Notice 3 ('Bringing your belongings and private motor vehicle to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community').

If you want a copy of this notice or more information, ask your local Excise and Inland Customs Advice Centre (look in your phone book under 'Customs and Excise' but not our VAT Offices). If you are phoning from abroad, we have an 'international' Advice Centre based in London which you can contact, telephone number 00 44 171 202 4227.

This form and Notice 3 are also available on the Customs Internet website <http://www.hmce.gov.uk>. Look under "Information for the public-Information".

Please complete these details

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

### Personal details

|         |             |  |
|---------|-------------|--|
| Surname | Forename(s) | Date of your arrival in the UK<br>day      month      year |
|---------|-------------|--|

### Packing details

- Packages include cases, cartons, tea chests and the like.
- **You must attach a complete detailed packing list to this form; &**
- number and sign each page of the list.

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| Total number of packages containing your effects |
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Please answer questions on page 2 and complete pages 3 & 4. ➔

### Request to clear

When your effects arrive in the UK you, or your agent, should complete this part.

|   |                                      |                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ship's name or aircraft flight number             | Bill of lading or airway bill number |                       |
| Place of loading abroad                           | Container number(s)                  |                       |
| Place of import                                   | Date of import                       | Place for examination |
| I request clearance of the goods mentioned above. |                                      |                       |
| Signature ..... (importer or agent) Date .....    |                                      |                       |

For official use

Duty and tax *relief*

Please  tick correct box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise.

1. a) In which country do you have your *normal home*? .....

(Note: your 'normal home' is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship - see the definition on the right of this page)

b) How long have you lived there? .....

c) Do you own a secondary home in the *UK*? No   
Yes

d) Are you renting a secondary home in the *UK*? No   
Yes  For how long are you renting it?  
.....

Now go to section 2 or 3, whichever applies.

2. Furnishing a secondary home in the *UK*.

a) Are all of the imported *household effects* to be used in the secondary home? No  list the goods which will not in Part B  
Yes

b) Have you owned and used all the *household effects* outside the *EC* for 6 months or more? No  list in part B any goods owned and used for less than 6 months.  
Yes

c) Will you be letting the secondary home to third parties while you or your family are abroad? No   
Yes

3. Giving up a secondary home which is outside the *EC*.

Were some or all of your *household effects* previously exported from the *EC*? No  list all goods in part B  
Yes  list in part B any goods which were not **and** any goods obtained in the *EC* under a tax free scheme on which duty and/or tax remains unpaid

Now go to part A

*Meaning of words in italics*

*Relief* is freedom from paying duty and tax when you meet the relevant conditions explained in Customs Notice 3.

Your *normal home* is where you usually live - that means where you spend 185 days or more in a period of 12 months because of your work and personal connections. But if you have no work connections or your work and personal connections are in different countries then you usually live where your personal connections are. (However if you are a UK citizen and you are working abroad your normal home can be where you are working so long as you have lived there for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months.) As an example, if you are a UK citizen working and living with your family in the USA for the past 2 years, your normal home is the USA.

The *UK* is England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland (but not the Channel Islands).

The *EC* is the European Community: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, the Irish Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the UK. Although they have close links with the EC, the following are regarded as outside the EC for VAT purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion and Turkey.

*Household effects* are furnishings and fittings for the home, and also personal items such as cameras, linen, jewellery and clothing.

**Part A You must list the following goods below, even if they are already specified on a packing list:**

| Type of goods   | Description of goods   | Quantity eg<br>Number of<br>bottles | Country where<br>obtained and<br>if duty/tax free | Price<br>paid | Present<br>or<br>value | How long<br>have you<br>had these? | Marks or description<br>of packages in<br>which packed |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tobacco products</b><br>Cigarettes, cigarillos,<br>cigars, other tobacco   | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Spirits</b><br>(including liqueurs)<br>Put<br>- brand name<br>- strength<br>- bottle size<br>- quantity<br>remaining | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Wine</b><br>Put<br>- type<br>- bottle size<br>- quantity<br>remaining  | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Perfume/<br/>Toilet Water</b><br>Put<br>- type<br>- bottle size<br>- quantity<br>remaining                           | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Tools of trade</b>   | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Goods for<br/>commercial use</b><br>(including goods<br>intended for sale in<br>the UK)                              | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |
| <b>Prohibited and<br/>restricted goods</b><br>See the list below<br>before completing.                                  | If none, write "NONE". |                                     |   |               |                        |                                    |  |

If you have used all the space, add continuation sheet(s). Please number and sign each sheet.

**Prohibited and restricted goods include:**

- Controlled drugs such as opium, heroin, cocaine, morphine, cannabis, amphetamines and lysergide (LSD).
- Firearms (including gas pistols, electric shock batons and similar weapons), ammunition and explosives (including fireworks).
- Indecent or obscene video cassettes, films, books, magazines and other articles.
- Horror comics.
- Flick knives, butterfly knives and certain other offensive weapons and some martial arts weapons.
- Counterfeit currency.
- Radio transmitters (walkie-talkies, Citizen Band Radios etc.) not approved for use in the UK.
- Meat and poultry; many other animal products.
- Plants, parts thereof, and plant produce including trees and shrubs, potatoes and certain other vegetables, fruit, bulbs and seeds.
- Animals and birds, whether alive or dead (e.g. stuffed), parts and articles derived from protected species including furskins, ivory, reptile leather and goods made from them.

Complete this part if required by Section 2 or 3 on page 2.

**Part B Other goods which may be liable to import charges and not already listed in Part A**

| Description of goods<br>If you have no goods to list, please write 'NONE' | Quantity | Country where obtained and if duty/tax free | Date obtained | Price paid | Present or value | Period of use | Marks or description of packages in which packed |
|---|----------|---|---------------|------------|------------------|---------------|--|
|   |          |   |               |            |                  |               |  |

If you have used all the space, add continuation sheet(s). Please number and sign each sheet.

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| <b>Warning</b>  | <b>Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of goods.</b>   |
| <p><b>Declaration</b></p> <p><b>This must be signed by the importer of the goods and NOT by an agent.</b></p> | <p><b>I declare that:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● I have read the notes on this form.</li> <li>● This form, the packing list and attached continuation sheet(s) include all the information required.</li> <li>● All the answers given on this form and on the continuation sheet(s) numbered ..... are true and complete.</li> <li>● I am personally aware of what is contained in the packages totalled on the first page.</li> </ul> <p>Signature ..... Date .....</p> <p>Address in the UK .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> |
| <b>What to do next</b>  | <p>When you have completed this form, send it with any continuation sheet(s), packing list, relevant invoices and the keys for any locked packages to the <b>agent, airline or shipping company</b> that is clearing your belongings through UK Customs. Faxed copies will be acceptable for Customs purposes if it is difficult to get the originals to your agent.</p>   |