

# Ireland Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Transfer of residency 1(TOR 1) - PPS declaration document
- Express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Documentary evidence of residence abroad for at least 12 months
- Two original copies of utility bills. (Electricity bill and a bank statement will do. Must not be older than 12 months).
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- Proof of residence in Ireland (2 forms)  
Copy of property lease, rental agreement, or purchase in Ireland  
Resident / work permit / letter of employment
- Travel itinerary returning to Ireland / copy of flight confirmation / copy of boarding pass
- Letter from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs Protocol Section

#### Specific Information

- All goods should be in the ownership of the owner of the goods for at least 12 months prior to import.
- Required documents must be received by the agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to minimize any port charges.
- Owner of the goods does not need to be present for Customs clearance. Owner of the goods should arrive in the country prior to the arrival of the shipment.
- Used household goods may be allowed entry on a duty and tax free basis once the TOR has been verified.
- Imports not deemed qualified as part of a TOR shipment will be subject to duty (6% to 13%) and value added tax (VAT) of approximately 23%.
- If they do not have a European Union country passport they must provide a copy of their Irish entry authorisation visa.
- Letter from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs Protocol Section authorizing release of the consignment from the port (diplomats).
  - Needs to be confirmed ahead of arriving into port as Ireland only extends the same privileges it receives in the country of origin.

#### Motor Vehicles

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## Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Original registration
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Copy of current insurance certificate (copy of previous policy documentation is acceptable if no current insurance is in effect) • Bill of sale showing date of purchase and price

## Specific Information

- The OBL must include the chassis number, engine number, color, model, make, and weight of the vehicle.
- Vehicles brought into Ireland under TOR rules are not subject to duty or tax. The duty rate on vehicles imported outside of the TOR protocol is 23% VAT of the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value, and the vehicle registration tax is payable up to 35% of the vehicle value.
- In order to avoid unnecessary delays and charges for demurrage and storage due to lengthy Customs procedures, the agent must receive a copy of the required documentation prior to arrival of the shipment.  
Check with agent for specific details.
- Motor vehicles must be in the owners name for at least 6 months to be eligible for duty and VAT free import.
- Only one vehicle per person may be imported.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Pet passport

### Specific Information

- Pets arriving from outside of the European Union must be pre-booked and pass through the Quarantine Station at Dublin airport.  
Prior approval from the Department of Agriculture must be received prior to

- import.
- 6-month quarantine is not required if the following conditions met:
  - Proof of rabies vaccination and follow up showing effective (6 months after inoculation), Health certificate, Electronic microchip.
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- Pets<sup>9</sup> arriving from within the European Union can usually enter without prior approval or examination at a Quarantine Station.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Alcohol is subject to duties (variable according to type, strength, etc.) and VAT (23%).
- A declaration form is needed prior to arrival of the container and should be loaded at rear of the container for easy access if examination is required.  
New furniture and household goods (items purchased within 6 months of the date of shipping are subject to customs duties and VAT of 23%).

## Prohibited Items

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- Narcotics
- Drugs
- Explosives
- Pornography
- Firearms
- Meat products
- Live plants
- Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES (authorization from CITES is required)

## Consignment Instructions

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Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

# Cultural and Other Information

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Ireland](#)