

# **Sweden Country Guide**

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**Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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## Documents Required

- Passport
- Swedish Customs form (Foersaekran)
- Detailed inventory in English or Swedish
- Bill of lading (WBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Letter of employment / lease agreement
- Residence permit (non - citizens)
- Diplomatic franchise
- Stamped copy of registration at the Swedish Tax Office
- Original Swedish customs form

## Specific Information

- The letter of employment / lease agreement must show employment or time abroad for at least 12 months from origin country and must show employment and residence in Sweden for at least 12 months.
- The detailed inventory must be descriptive, stating contents of each item and carton and cannot include expressions such as “miscellaneous,” “garage items,” “PBO” (packed by owner),” etc.
- Diplomatic franchise from registration at Swedish Tax Office / Skatteverket or extracted from Swedish population register (diplomats)
- Household goods, including but not limited to, furniture and personal effects must be used for at least 6 months prior to import.
- Shipments must arrive within 12 months after the owner of the goods’ arrival (non - citizens).
- For returning citizens, the consignment must arrive in connection with their own return.
- The owner of the goods must be registered in Sweden upon Customs clearance, but is not required to be present during the clearance process.
- Household goods and personal effects must not be brought into Sweden for commercial use or for the use of other persons.
- A physical inspection of the shipment is generally not required for Customs clearance, but Customs may request that one be completed.
- A Customs exemption is granted for goods other than alcohol, for persons immigrating or returning to Sweden after more than 12 months outside the European Union (EU), and must have had a permanent residence in Sweden for at least 12 months.
- All wooden material used for crates, lift vans, and bulk heads must be made of treated wood per the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15) and with a certified stamp.

This does not apply for manufactured furniture.

## Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Original sales invoice
- Title / registration
- Original bill of lading
- Proof of insurance

### Specific Information

- Proof that insurance has been paid for the last 12 months.
- Original sales invoice must include price, date, and place of purchase. The vehicle must be used and owned by the owner of the goods for at least 12 months prior to import.
- Only one vehicle per person can be imported.
- Vehicles not included as part of the household goods shipments are subject to customs fees, duties and value added tax (VAT).
- Customs clearance takes approximately 1-2 days.
- Vehicles may not be sold within 12 months of import.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

### Specific Information

- Permission from the Agriculture Department is required.
- All animals are subject to quarantine regulations.
- The quarantine period takes approximately 4 months.
- The owner must be present for Customs clearance.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Medicine is allowed with a doctor's prescription and must be for personal use only; only a 5-day supply is permitted.

- New furniture is permitted if a sales invoice with prices, date, and place of purchase as well as a packing list is given.
  - Plants, fruit, and vegetables require a plant passport / phytosanitary certificate issued by the Plant Protection Service.
    - Contact the destination agent for specific information.
  - Special permission is required for products and goods made from animals.
  - Alcohol and tobacco:
    - Must be declared and are subject to tax and duty.
    - Subject to destruction at Customs discretion (charges will still apply).
    - Importation may be expensive.
    - Customs clearance takes approximately 3 weeks.
  - Contact the destination agent for details.
- Firearms

## Prohibited Items

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Narcotics and illegal drugs

## 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 Sweden