



France

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

Importing Goods to France



Importing Personal Effects

If you are moving to France from the UK then importing personal effects is usually duty free provided that the following both apply:

- you have been domiciled outside the EU for at least a year
- you have owned and used the goods for more than 6 months

The rules are different for secondary residences, and duty and VAT may be payable. Your local Britannia Member can advise you further.

Documentation

Britannia will assist you to complete the customs formalities. To help us with this we will need a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable).

Our team members will supply you with the appropriate import documentation before the arrival of your goods which you must complete to facilitate clearance. To avoid additional charges it is essential that documentation is completed and returned promptly.



Prohibitions and Restrictions

The following items are prohibited or restricted and we strongly advise you not to ship them in your consignment:

- Firearms, ammunition & weapons
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants, plant material & animal products
- Foodstuffs, perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, tobacco & narcotics
- Objectionable and indecent material

Recent changes to legislation in Europe mean that it is now forbidden to travel to or through France in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol.

If a vehicle is stopped and searched and these are found amongst household effects there are large fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.

Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment for part or dedicated load, and where you are moving to. Britannia will advise you on the predicted arrival dates once this information is established.

Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complimentary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible, from international foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please scan this QR code.



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Welcome to Britannia in France



Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to France will be subject to compliance, and it is probable that duty and tax will apply. The shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended.

Britannia in France

France has long been a top destination for those seeking to move abroad, and Britannia has proudly provided regular removal services to this beautiful country for many years.

Many of our nationwide offices specialize in relocations to France, offering weekly deliveries to and from all regions.

Through our strong partnerships with local French removal companies, we can provide comprehensive services including site surveys, access to additional resources, and secure storage facilities across France, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

Storage

Should you require storage prior to delivery, this can be arranged on your behalf. You should expect to pay a one-off storage handling fee plus a monthly storage charge. Please note that these charges are payable locally. It is vitally important that you ensure that your marine insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.

Destination Services

If you have selected a full door to door service, Britannia will deliver the goods to your new home and your furniture and boxes will be placed in the relevant rooms. All furniture will be unwrapped and cartons packed by Britannia will be unpacked on to a flat surface. All used packing materials will be removed from site on the delivery day.

Although there will be insurance implications, you retain the right not to have some or all items unpacked should you choose.

Alternative destination services may also be available, but are subject to your final destination and the chosen method of transport. Your Britannia representative can advise you of the options available.



Your Moving Guide Checklist

Three Months Before

- Arrange for a pre-move survey with Britannia
- Have a clear idea what you would like to take with you
- Arrange for a quote for the transportation of your family pet

Six Weeks Before

- Book move date and agree moving plan
- Make a list of any items to be moved which will need particular care
- Book pet transport carrier and confirm logistics
- Advise of new school addresses so that education records can be passed on quickly
- Doctor – de-register. If undergoing hospital treatment, notify a new doctor as soon as possible

Four Weeks Before

- Advise schools/nurseries of movement and obtain records
- Cancel memberships including gym, library etc
- Arrange financial affairs: foreign exchange, pension transfers and bank accounts

Three Weeks Before

- Confirm childcare arrangements for moving day
- Plan the best way to look after pets on moving day and confirm itinerary for transportation
- Clear out unwanted belongings
- Start using up food from the freezer

Two Weeks Before

- Contact service providers to arrange final accounts and meter readings
- Telecoms/digital/cable TV provider
- Electricity supplier
- Gas/Oil supplier
- Water Rates
- Local Council Taxes
- Credit card/store card or credit card protection companies
- TV Licence
- Notify all hire purchase/lease/standing orders or loans companies

Notify plans of movement:

- Dentist
- Optician
- Amend insurance cover on buildings, household contents, motor, life etc
- National Insurance
- Child Benefit
- Motor vehicle registration
- Driving Licence (DVLA)
- Pension company
- Redirection of mail via the Post Office (visit your local Post Office for details)
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, clubs, and organisations
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances: washing machine, cooker, dishwasher

Two Days Before

- Defrost the fridge and freezer
- Cancel any regular deliveries (milk / newspapers)

The Day Before

- Check drawers and trunks/chests for any fragile items
- Take down curtains and blinds
- Put together a pile of 'do not remove' essentials: passports, tickets, itineraries, coats, handbags, snacks, cleaning materials
- Pack small valuables separately and leave with essentials pile e.g. jewellery, watches, money, bonds, coins, stamps etc
- Separate your airfreight consignment from your sea freight if applicable

The Big Day

- Confirm service meter readings and keep a spare copy of readings
- Switch off power and water supplies (if necessary)
- Lock all windows and doors
- Drop keys off with estate agent
- Confirm you have provided all required documentation for your sea freight/airfreight consignment

