



Germany

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

# Importing Goods to Germany



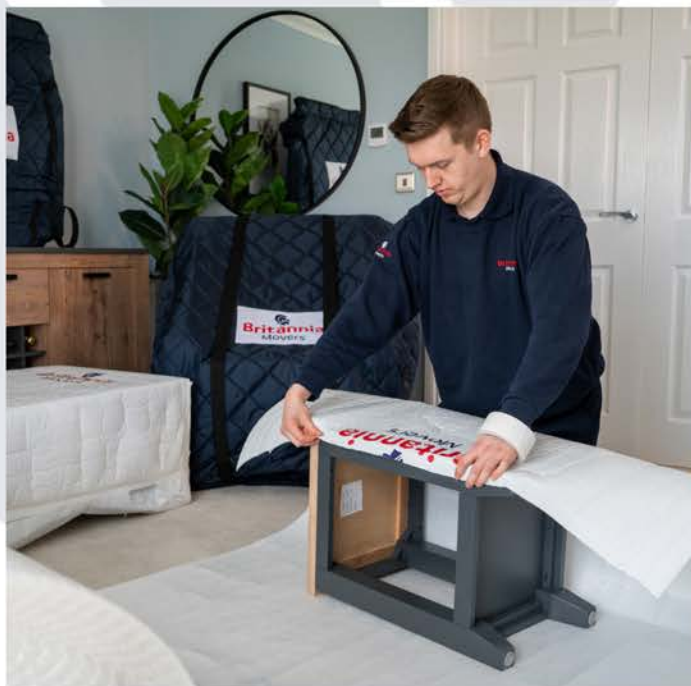
## Importing Personal Effects

The importation of used household and personal effects is duty free providing you have lived outside of the EU for at least 12 months and have owned and used the household goods for longer than 6 months. The goods must stay in your possession for 12 months after importation, and all items with a single value above EUR 5000 have to be declared.

## 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, and you must complete this 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

Certain breeds of dogs which are considered dangerous are also prohibited in Germany.

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 Germany

## Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to Germany is likely to be duty free provided that you have owned and used the vehicle for at least 6 months. A copy of the registration and ownership document will be required for clearance.



## Britannia in Germany

Germany is a popular destination for UK citizens looking to move overseas. For many years Britannia has been providing a regular removal service between the UK and Germany, and can offer a door to door service if required.

Many of our branches are highly experienced in moving customers to Germany, so you're in good hands with Britannia. With the additional support of our trusted partner removal companies across Germany, we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources, and secure storage facilities local to your destination. This allows 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 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 if needed

## 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 your packing day/s.
- Plan the best way to look after pets whilst we're packing
- 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 / road 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/road freight consignment

