

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS INTO THE UK FROM FRANCE

Although it's 18 months since the UK left the EU, here's a reminder for everyone moving their possessions from France to the UK, post Brexit. As the UK are now not part of the EU, anything coming into the country has to clear customs before the goods are allowed to come into the UK.

We can handle this for most moves and there are 3 main types of import:

A. If you're transferring your main residence from France to the UK, you should be able to import the goods free of taxes, but you'll have to apply for a TOR1 unique reference number (usually just called a TOR, or TOR1). You apply for this online at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/application-for-transfer-of-residence-relief-tor1> It's supposed to take up to 2 weeks, but has been taking a week or two longer recently, so it's advisable to get on with this as soon as possible. You'll need at least a basic list of items that you're importing, although it can be amended later.

B. If you're not transferring your main residence, and you're moving goods from something like a second home, for example, you'll have to pay duty and VAT on your value of the goods. There is 4% duty on the value, and then VAT at 20% on the value of the goods AND duty, plus £60 for admin.

Examples:

£1000 value = £280 to pay

£5000 value = £1272 to pay

£10000 value = £2512 to pay

C. If you've inherited the goods and you can prove it with a copy of a will and supporting docs from your solicitor or similar, you can import the goods free of taxes. You'd need to complete form C1421 that we can supply.

In all cases, you'd need to let us have a copy of your passport, proof of residence in France and we will get you to sign a few forms, enabling us to deal with things on your behalf. Plus, a copy of your TOR1 unique reference number, if applicable