


Specific import restrictions and prohibitions

The import of animals, plants, food products, medicines, weapons and many other goods is subject to specific restrictions and prohibitions. These provisions are applicable to entries from both EU and non-EU states. Special attention must be paid to these regulations in order to protect the life and health of human beings, animals and plants and to ensure public security. It is advisable that you make inquiries prior to embarking on your trip regarding the current import regulations at the Central Information Office/Customs or at your local customs office.

Central Information Office/Customs

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 The "BMF-app" is a further electronic service tool of the Austrian financial authorities, intended to provide you amongst others with answers to the most common, everyday customs queries (e.g. exemption limits, traveller's allowances, etc.), in a manner which is quick and convenient. Use our new app to get topical information in the realm of customs law at any time, quickly and unbureaucratically. Download our "BMF-app" for Apple, Android, Blackberry and Windows Phone free-of-charge.



Comment

Without authorisation travellers resident in the EU are allowed to import medicines to Austria they carried already with them on their departure. Import of medicines bought abroad is only permitted up to an amount of three (retailer) packages each per person.

■ Other goods

with a cumulative value of EUR 430 for air travellers or EUR 300 for all other travellers per calendar day. For travellers younger than 15 years those amounts are generally reduced to EUR 150.

Comment

Import restrictions and prohibitions also have to be considered when importing above mentioned duty-free goods.

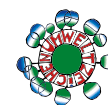


Customs controls

There are still customs controls as far as tourist travel is concerned. These controls are carried out at the borders of non-EU states on a permanent basis and sporadically at the borders of EU states and on a random basis inland. Their purpose is to combat smuggling and counterfeiting, as well as to protect the environment and public health.

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from EU and non-EU states.



Entry from EU states

Duty-free import of goods

You may import goods for your personal use or consumption or for family members without having to pay customs or other duties in Austria. Exceptions to this are made for new vehicles, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

The following are EU states:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.



Exceptions from the free movement of goods

If you are buying a new vehicle, you must pay acquisition tax (a form of VAT) and standard consumption tax (NoVA or "Normverbrauchsabgabe"). However, you will receive the vehicle from your seller free of VAT.

Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages in your luggage are only exempt from tax if they are for your personal use. If you exceed the following limits, you must prove that the goods are intended for your personal use:

- **Cigarettes from Hungary, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania or Bulgaria**
300
For cigarettes in excess of this quantity that you are carrying with you, you must immediately (verbally) declare and pay tobacco tax at the customs office!
- **Cigarettes from all other EU states**
800
- **Cigarillos**
(cigars weighing not more than three grams each)
400
- **Cigars**
200
- **Tobacco**
1 kilogram
- **Spirits**
10 litres
- **Alcoholic beverages other than beer, sparkling wine or still wine of an alcoholic strength not exceeding 22% vol.**
20 litres
- **Wine**
(of which max. 60 litres sparkling wine)
90 litres
- **Beer**
110 litres

Entry from non-EU states

Customs declaration of goods

The following goods must be declared:

- Goods not intended for your personal consumption or use, or family use,
- Goods obtained outside the EU which either exceed the traveller allowances for tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, still wines, beer and medicinal products or monetary threshold for other goods of EUR 430 for air travellers or EUR 300 for all other travellers (see table),
- Goods subject to specific import restrictions and prohibitions.

If you are carrying goods to be declared, you must, for customs declaration purposes, use the "red channel" (specially marked exit for travellers carrying goods to be declared). If the customs point does not have separate channels, you should declare the goods voluntarily. In accordance with the customs declaration all customs and other import duties (e.g. VAT valid in Austria) are to be paid. In most cases, the purchase price will be used to calculate these duties. Therefore, keep the receipts and invoices of the goods purchased abroad.

If you are not carrying any goods to be declared, then use the "green channel" (specially marked exit for travellers carrying goods not to be declared).

There are special regulations applicable to transport personnel, local border traffic with Switzerland/Liechtenstein and travellers normally resident in Austria, arriving from Samnauntal.

Import of cash

If on entering Austria you are carrying cash or equivalent means of payment in the amount of EUR 10,000 or more, these must be declared to customs. The registration form "Cash Control" ZA 292 can be downloaded at english.bmf.gv.at under customs > travellers > cash controls or is available at your customs office.

Duty-free import of goods – tax exemption limits

From non-EU countries you may import per calendar day the following goods for your personal consumption or use or for that of your relatives or as a present exempt from customs or other duties:

- **Alcoholic beverages** (17 years or older)
 - 1 litre a total of 1 litre of alcohol and alcoholic beverages of an alcoholic strength exceeding 22% vol (volume percent), or undenatured ethyl alcohol of 80% vol and more
or
 - 2 litres a total of 2 litres of alcohol and alcoholic beverages of an alcoholic strength not exceeding 22% vol
or
a proportional assortment of these goods
and in addition
 - 4 litres still wines as well as
 - 16 litres beer
- **Tobacco products** (17 years or older)
200 pieces cigarettes or
100 pieces cigarillos or
50 pieces cigars or
250 grams smoking tobacco or
an assortment of these goods
- **Medicines**
amounts consistent with your personal needs during the trip