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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	▪ Clear copy of the shipper's passport. ▪ List of items which the client will take to the Netherlands (inventory list) ▪ Power of Attorney (POA) ▪ Copy of the registration at town/city hall where the shipper will live (this document has to mention the country the shipper is moving from). ▪ When client does not have his town/city hall registration yet, client may also submit a proof of deregistration from the country of origin. Please also supply one of the following documents: ▪ Copy of a work contract or declaration from the employer confirming the period of working for them abroad and the fact that the client will now be working for them in the Netherlands as from (date), OR ▪ Copy of a rental agreement or purchase contract of the residence in the Netherlands. This may not be older than 6 months.	▪ If no exemption applies, a declaration of realistic value is required (signed by the customer). ▪ Duty free entry, provided: ▪ You lived outside the European Union for at least 12 months prior to leaving the country of departure and you will be living in the Netherlands. ▪ You are transporting household goods belonging to your residence. ▪ You have owned and used your personal belongings for at least 6 months prior to your removal to the Netherlands. ▪ You are importing your personal belongings within 12 months after your date of arrival in the Netherlands. ▪ You will be using your personal belongings again and will not lend or rent them out, pawn or sell them for a period of 12 months after customs cleared your personal belongings to enter the Netherlands.	▪ All containers arriving in the Port of Rotterdam with an excessive concentration of gas will be taken out from the logistic transport chain (Methyl bromide is mostly used toxic gas). According to the Ministry one may expect delays running up to several months before a fumigated container will be released to the consignee. Obviously high costs will be involved if a container has an excessive concentration of gas. ▪ Certain imports into the Netherlands are prohibited or require an import license. These products fall under the categories of strategic goods or environmentally unfriendly items. Examples of such goods include weapons and ammunition, protected species of fauna and flora, and drugs. As the owner of the goods, you must be well informed about any import restrictions or prohibitions before moving to the Netherlands as you will remain at all times responsible for the contents of your shipment. Useful link: here
Diplomats' removals	▪ Diplomatic passport.	▪ Duty free entry, provided that: ▪ Not having the Dutch nationality. ▪ Not permanently resident in the Netherlands.	

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		- Since the start of the employment in the Netherlands have passed more than ten years (only for administrative technical and service staff). - Import of alcohol and cigarettes are allowed but limited, according to measurements made out by the Ministry of Foreign affairs.	
Wedding trousseaux	- Inventory in 2 copies. - Marriage certificate. - Certificate of residence. - Exemption of duties form.	Duty free entry.	
Inheritance	- Application for exemption for inheritance. - Copy of passport of applicant. - Registration of residence at town hall. 2 signed inventory lists. - Notary Statement stating: - that the goods are originating from an inheritance, - the date when the testator was deceased, - the date when the goods where acquired by the applicant. - If there is a motor vehicle or other vehicle involved, additional required documents: - License registration. - Purchase or ownership document.	Duty free entry.	
New furniture and household articles	Invoice.	Subject to payment of duties.	
Works of art, Antiques		No documents required if part of the household effects.	
Electrical & household appliances	Same as above.		Brand and fabrication number to be mentioned on the inventory.

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Motor vehicles	▪ Invoice or property justification. ▪ Registration card. ▪ Certificate of residence. ▪ Copy foreign insurance certificate or proof of insurance.	▪ To import a car or motorcycle free of any duties/taxes, you should have owned and used it for at least 6 months prior to shipping out. Moreover, you should have resided outside the Netherlands for at least one year.	
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	▪ Invoice. ▪ Registration card. ▪ Certificate of residence.		
Machines, appliances, spare parts	▪ Invoice.	▪ Subject to payment of duties.	
Presents, souvenirs		▪ No documents required if part of the household effects.	
Wine & alcohol	▪ Detailed valued list.	▪ Subject to payment of duties and taxes. ▪ For diplomats, see under section 'Diplomats'.	
Food		▪ Not allowed.	
Arms, ammunition, dangerous objects	▪ Permits issued by Customs and authorisations of the Police authorities.		▪ Useful link: here
Sport articles		▪ No document required if part of the household effects.	
Medicine, narcotics & drugs		▪ No document required if part of the household effects and prescribed by a doctor. Otherwise forbidden.	▪ Useful link: here
Precious metal objects (jewellery, coins)		▪ No document required if part of the household effects.	

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Carpets		Same as above.	
Plants, Wood	Phytosanitary certificate.		Useful link: here
Cats, dogs & other animals	Health and vaccination certificates.		Always contact your destination agent in the Netherlands prior to shipping animals.



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