

Customs information Tips for entry into the Republic of Austria

A service of the Austrian Federal
Ministry of Finance for travellers
from EU and non-EU states



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Anmeldefreie Waren
Nothing to declare



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Unbegleitete Waren
Unaccompanied goods

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Entry from EU states

Duty-free import of goods

You may import goods for your personal use or consumption, or for that by persons living in your household, in your luggage without having to pay customs or other duties in Austria. Exceptions apply, as a rule, to new vehicles, tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

The following are EU states:

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

For entries from the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, the general customs provisions for the entry from non-EU countries apply.

For entries from Northern Ireland, the provisions for the entry from EU states continue to apply because Northern Ireland is treated as an EU Member State.

Exceptions from the free movement of goods

When buying a new vehicle, you must pay purchase tax (a form of turnover tax) and standardised consumption tax (NoVA, "Normverbrauchsabgabe"). However, you will receive the vehicle from your seller free of turnover tax.

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

- Cigarettes from all other EU states 800 pcs.
- Cigarillos (cigars weighing no more than 3 grams each): 400 pcs.
- Cigars: 200 pcs.
- Smoking tobacco: 1 kilogram
Products of the category "heated (,heat-not-burn') tobacco":
 - 800 tobacco sticks
or, in different packaging:
 - 250 g of tobacco content
- Spirituous beverages: 10 litres
- Alcoholic beverages other than beer, sparkling wine or still wine and having an alcohol content not exceeding 22% v/v. 20 litres
- Wine (of which max. 60 litres sparkling wine):
90 litres
- Beer: 110 litres



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Entry from non-EU states

Customs declaration of goods

The following goods must be declared:

- Goods not intended for your personal consumption or use, nor for that by persons living in your household,
- Goods acquired outside the EU that exceed the tax-exempt amount for tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, still wines, beer and medicinal products or the tax-exempt amount for other goods of € 430 for air travellers or € 300 for all other travellers (see table on the next page),
- Goods subject to specific import bans and restrictions.

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 house does not have separate channels, please declare the goods of your own accord. In the course of the customs declaration, as a rule all customs and other import duties (e.g. the turnover tax payable 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).

Special regulations apply to transport personnel, local border traffic with Switzerland/Liechtenstein and travellers normally resident in Austria who arrive from Samnauntal.

Import of cash

If upon entering Austria you are carrying cash or equivalent means of payment to the amount of € 10,000 or more, this cash must be declared to customs. The registration form "Cash declaration CC2" 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 family members or as a present exempt from customs or other duties:

- Alcoholic beverages (for persons aged 17 years or older)
 - 1 litre of alcohol and alcoholic beverages having an alcohol content exceeding 22% v/v, or undenatured ethyl alcohol having an alcohol content

of 80% v/v or more

or

- 2 litres of alcohol and alcoholic beverages having an alcohol content not exceeding 22 % v/v
- or
- a prorated assortment of such goods and in addition
- 4 litres of still wines as well as
- 16 litres of beer

- Tobacco products (for persons aged 17 years or older)

- 200 cigarettes or
 - 100 cigarillos or
 - 50 cigars or
 - 250 grams of smoking tobacco or
 - a prorated assortment of such goods
- For products of the category „heated (,heat-not-burn‘) tobacco“ (tobacco sticks), the value limits indicated in the section „Other goods“ apply.

- Medicines

in amounts consistent with your personal needs during the trip

Note

Without authorisation, travellers resident in the EU are allowed to import medicines back to Austria they carried already with them on their departure. Import of medicines bought abroad is permitted only up to an amount of 3 (retailer) packages each per person.

- Other goods

up to a cumulative value of € 430 for air travellers or € 300 for all other travellers.

For travellers younger than 15 years, these two tax-exempt amounts are generally reduced to € 150.

Within these tax-exempt amounts, the product category „heated („heat-not-burn“) tobacco“ must not account for more than 800 tobacco sticks or, in case of different packaging, 250 grams of tobacco content. If these indicative quantities are exceeded, you must furnish evidence that the goods are intended for your personal use.

Note

Import bans and restrictions must be considered when importing the above duty-free goods, too!



Customs controls

Customs controls continue to be performed in tourist travel. 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 mobile basis domestically as well. They serve manifold public interests, for example to combat smuggling and product piracy, as well as to protect the environment and public health.



Specific import bans and prohibitions

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

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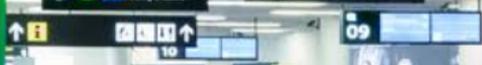
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