

# Netherlands

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**Ports:** Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Schiphol Airport (near Amsterdam)  
**Prohibited:** Narcotics, Drugs, Explosives  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) inventory with detailed description (3) Import documentation itself to be produced by forwarding agent/customs broker  
**Customs Regulations:** In principal always dutiable, even part of removal goods, however inspector can make exceptions. Special tax/ import duty and normal tax up to quantity, alcoholic percentage, etc.  
**Clearance:** Normal time 2-4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** As part of removal goods - see Household Goods and Personal Effects

## Antiques and Works Of Art

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Inventory (3) Orig. invoice with antique declaration (4) Import dic. itself to be produced by forwarding agent/customs broker  
**Customs Regulations:** As part of removal goods no special documents. As merchandise/trade free of import duty only tax payable.  
**Clearance:** Normal time 2-4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** As part of removal goods - see Household Goods and Personal Effects

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Inventory (3) Import doc. 39 granted by the inspector of tax office, the Hague. To apply by the embassy or consulate in question.  
**Customs Regulations:** HHE and PE free of any import duty and/or taxes. Customs authorities do have the right to make inspection.  
**Clearance:** When doc 39 available, 2 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Embassy or consulate in question has to apply doc. 39 with the tax office The Hague

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Orig. invoice (3) Spec. holder - license (4) Import documentation itself to be produced by forwarding agent/customs broker (5) Special registration docs.  
**Customs Regulations:** In principal as part of removal goods free of duty and/or taxes. However, special license necessary.  
**Clearance:** Normal time 2-4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes  
**Remarks:** As part of removal goods - see Household Goods and Personal Effects. Plus in any way special license via tax office and police department.

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Inventory (3) Certificate of exemption granted by inspector of tax office under which resource client will start living (4) Import document itself to be produced by

forwarding agent/customs broker

**Customs Regulations:** Used household goods or personal effects in principal are free of any import duty tax payable, also for second house. Owner has to declare to be the owner before importing for at least one year, and to remain the owner after importing for at least another year.

**Clearance:** Normal time 2-3 days, but if dutiable, probably takes 2 to 4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:** Owner must prepare the Certificate of Exemption before arrival of the consignment in order to avoid delay in clearance time. Documents necessary for getting Cert. of Exemption: (1) application form for same (2) Certificate registration town-hall (3) rental/buying contract house (4) statement of employer (5) inventory in duplicate with value declaration (second-hand value, not insurance value).

## New Furniture

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Orig. invoice with detailed description (3) taxes/duties payable (4) Import doc. itself to be produced by forwarding agent/customs broker

**Customs Regulations:** New items as part of removal goods always dutiable

**Clearance:** Normal time 2-3 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:**

## Pets and Animals

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**Required Documents:** Proof of inoculation

**Customs Regulations:** Depending kind of pet/ animal quarantine possible. Apply/investigate details in advance case by case

**Clearance:** Normal time 2-4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

**Remarks:** Depending kind of pet/animal. Make inquiry in advance case by case

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:** (1) OBL or AWB (2) Registration documents (3) Import doc. itself to be produced by forwarding agent/customs broker (4) Purchase invoice

**Customs Regulations:** Motor vehicles as part of removal goods in principal free of any duty and tax. Import regulations as removal goods. Other motor vehicles payable with duty and/or taxes. Import only via special customs houses.

**Clearance:** Normal time 2-3 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:** As part of removal goods certificate of exemption like goods. Others via special customs houses.

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