

# United Kingdom

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**Ports:** London, Southampton, Felixtowe, Glasgow, Liverpool, Hull  
**Prohibited:** Narcotics, Drugs, Explosives, Pornography  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** Wine/Spirits separate inventory listing each bottle in 3 sub sections (1) Makers name (2) Percentage Proof (3) C.L. (Volume)  
**Customs Regulations:** Subject to Customs Duty plus 17.5% VAT  
**Clearance:** 7 to 10 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Strongly recommended against including wine/spirits Containers can be rejected for sake of 2/3 bottles spirits. If shipped, load at rear of container for immediate access

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** (1) UK Customs Form C-426 (2) Bill of Lading/Waybill (3) Clear Inventory of Household goods (in English)  
**Customs Regulations:** Application for Privilege must be lodged by appropriate Embassy to British Foreign Office who in turn pass relevant Authority to H.M. Customs  
**Clearance:** 3 to 4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Bill of Lading/Waybills should be identified 'Diplomatic Clearance'. Advise us before arrival that Diplomatic Clearance required.

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** (1) Proof of ownership (2) Export license from Dept. of Trade (3) Valid firearm certificate issued to the owner by the police authorities controlling the area in which client intends to reside.  
**Customs Regulations:**  
**Clearance:** at least 7 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Check UK Customs requirements at Port of Entry before shipping

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** UK Customs Form C.3 Bill of Lading/Waybill Clear Inventory of Household goods (in English)  
**Customs Regulations:** Used household goods are allowed into UK. Duty free if they have been in the owner's possession and used for at least 6 months and are for owner's continued use and not for resale.  
**Clearance:** 4 to 5 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Customs C3 may be completed abroad but must be available prior to arrival of goods (along with clear inventory). Goods must arrive within 12 months of arrival of client.

## New Furniture

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**Required Documents:** (1) Purchase Invoice (2) Sales Invoice clearly identifying items price paid with date and place

of purchase

**Customs Regulations:** Items purchased within 6 months are subject to Customs Duties and VAT. They should be shown separately on Customs Form C.3

**Clearance:** 7 to 10 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No

**Remarks:** Mark outside of wrapping for easy identification

## Pets and Animals

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**Required Documents:** Proof of inoculation from registered vet.

**Customs Regulations:** Subject to 6 months quarantine in licensed premises

**Clearance:** Usually quarantine period. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

**Remarks:** Check with UK Customs and Dept. of Agriculture before shipping - especially for rare or endangered species. Import license is granted after the shipper has made arrangements for the period of quarantine with licensed kennels.

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:** (1) Customs Form C104 A (2) Proof of ownership i.e. Ins. Cert, Registration Card (3) Original Purchase Invoice

**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:** 7 to 8 days. Customer presence required for clearance? May be required.

**Remarks:** May be imported duty-free provided the vehicle will not be sold or otherwise disposed of for 1 year after the date of importation. Importer must have lived outside the U.K. for at least twelve (12) months prior to importing the auto. They also must have owned the vehicle for at least six (6) months.

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