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Country Guide: Estonia

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Express bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Resident ID card / Estonian ID card
- Proof that the person as worked / lived outside EU for last 12 months
- Copy of working contract in Estonia
- Copy of Estonian lease agreement
- Copy of plane ticket (used for confirmation of arrival date to Estonia)

Specific Regulations

- It takes approximately 20–40 days to obtain a resident ID card / Estonian ID card.
- Relevant documents must be received by the agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to minimize port charges.
- New items (less than 6 months in the possession of the owner of the goods) are subject to import duties and taxes.
- Duty free import is allowed within 12 months after arrival to Estonia.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card / title
- Copy of passport
- OBL / AWB
- Customs declaration form
- Car invoice (must show purchase price and date of purchase)
- Letter of employment

Specific Regulations

- Owner of the goods must obtain a Customs declaration and a Customs certificate in order to register the vehicle with the Estonian Motor Vehicle Registration Center (ARK).
- Vehicles must be presented for a pre-registration inspection to ARK prior to Customs clearance and registration.
- Duty free import is allowed if owner of the goods can present all documents specified.
- It is mandatory that a vehicle obtained outside of Estonia must be registered within 5 days of Customs clearance.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

Specific Regulations

- Pets may enter as accompanied baggage, in the cabin, or as cargo.
- Birds arriving from countries infected with Avian influenza cannot be imported.
- Certain breeds of dogs are prohibited from entry into Estonia
Contact agent for specific information.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunition (authorization from the territorial administration is required)

- Alcohol and spirits (should be sent separately from the personal effects shipment and are subject to 100% tax)
- Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by CITES (authorization from CITES is required)
- Hunting weapons (authorization from the Ministry of Interior is required)

Prohibited Items

- Unlawful drugs
- Narcotics
- Explosive materials

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Estonia](#)

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