

# Sweden Country Guide - IAM

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## Country Guide: Sweden

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***Find a foreign embassy in Sweden***

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***Find Sweden's embassies in other countries***

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### Documents Required

- Passport
- Swedish Customs form (Foersaekran)
- Detailed inventory in English or Swedish
- Bill of lading (WBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Letter of employment / lease agreement
- Residence permit (non - citizens)
- Diplomatic franchise
- Stamped copy of registration at the Swedish Tax Office

- Original Swedish customs form

## Specific Information

- The letter of employment / lease agreement must show employment or time abroad for at least 12 months from origin country and must show employment and residence in Sweden for at least 12 months.
- The detailed inventory must be descriptive, stating contents of each item and carton and cannot include expressions such as “miscellaneous,” “garage items,” “PBO” (packed by owner),” etc.
- Diplomatic franchise from registration at Swedish Tax Office / Skatteverket or extracted from Swedish population register (diplomats)
- Household goods, including but not limited to, furniture and personal effects must be used for at least 6 months prior to import.
- Shipments must arrive within 12 months after the owner of the goods’ arrival (non - citizens).
- For returning citizens, the consignment must arrive in connection with their own return.
- The owner of the goods must be registered in Sweden upon Customs clearance, but is not required to be present during the clearance process.
- Household goods and personal effects must not be brought into Sweden for commercial use or for the use of other persons.
- A physical inspection of the shipment is generally not required for Customs clearance, but Customs may request that one be completed.
- A Customs exemption is granted for goods other than alcohol, for persons immigrating or returning to Sweden after more than 12 months outside the European Union (EU), and must have had a permanent residence in Sweden for at least 12 months.
- All wooden material used for crates, lift vans, and bulk heads must be made of treated wood per the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15) and with a certified stamp.

This does not apply for manufactured furniture.

## Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Original sales invoice
- Title / registration
- Original bill of lading
- Proof of insurance

## Specific Information

- Proof that insurance has been paid for the last 12 months.
- Original sales invoice must include price, date, and place of purchase.
- The vehicle must be used and owned by the owner of the goods for at least 12 months prior to import.
- Only one vehicle per person can be imported.
- Vehicles not included as part of the household goods shipments are subject to customs fees, duties and value added tax (VAT).
- Customs clearance takes approximately 1-2 days.
- Vehicles may not be sold within 12 months of import.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

## Specific Information

- Permission from the Agriculture Department is required.
- All animals are subject to quarantine regulations.
- The quarantine period takes approximately 4 months.
- The owner must be present for Customs clearance.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- Medicine is allowed with a doctor's prescription and must be for personal use only; only a 5-day supply is permitted.
- New furniture is permitted if a sales invoice with prices, date, and place of purchase as well as a packing list is given.
- Plants, fruit, and vegetables require a plant passport / phytosanitary certificate issued by the Plant Protection Service.  
Contact the destination agent for specific information.
- Special permission is required for products and goods made from animals.
- Alcohol and tobacco:
  - Must be declared and are subject to tax and duty.
  - Subject to destruction at Customs discretion (charges will still apply).
  - Importation may be expensive.
  - Customs clearance takes approximately 3 weeks.
  - Contact the destination agent for details.

- Firearms

## Prohibited Items

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Narcotics and illegal drugs

## Consignment Instructions

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**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

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Sweden](#)