

# All the right moves – **Austria**



**Britannia**

REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING



# Welcome to Britannia in Austria

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Austria has always been a popular European destination for people looking to move overseas. Consequently Britannia has been providing an excellent removal service to Austria for many years. Household and personal effects can be transported to Austria in various ways; by shared load (groupage) or by sole use container load transported overland by road.

## Importing Personal Effects

Austria is a full member of the EU therefore if you are moving within the EU, used household effects may be imported duty free. For Non EU Nationals any shipments of used household and personal effects may be imported duty free provided the owner has owned and used the goods for at least 6 months and are still intended for use by the importer. Removals goods can be imported into Austria duty free within 1 year from the change of residence.

## Documentation

If you are moving within the EU, documentation required should be merely a copy of your passport, and a detailed inventory list in triplicate. If you are moving to Austria from outside the EU then you will also need an entry certificate from the police station of the municipal office concerned, and an exit certificate or certificate of proof that you have resided abroad for at least 12 months. Britannia will advise you of the requirements prior to your move.

Despite the 'free market' of the European Union there are restrictions in transporting some classes of goods across borders and within some countries. Several countries restrict the value or volume/weight of such goods as alcohol, tobacco and cigarettes. Recent changes to legislation in Europe means that it is now forbidden to travel through France en route to other countries in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol. If a vehicle is stopped and

searched and these are found amongst household effects there are huge fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.

## Prohibitions and Restrictions

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Foodstuffs, perishables or otherwise
- Narcotics and dangerous goods
- Objectionable and indecent material
- Alcohol & Tobacco

## Transit Times

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment and the final destination. Britannia will advise you once this information is established.

## Tracking Consignment

All groupage consignments will be bar coded before they are loaded to the vehicle. This will ensure that no items are left at origin and allow Britannia to check the status of your goods in transit.

## Additional Services

Britannia can provide a variety of complementary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible. From International foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please visit - <http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk/additional-services>

## Motor Vehicles

Importation of motor vehicles to Austria will be subject to compliance, it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended.

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