

Moving to Sweden: Your Relocation Guide



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WEIGHTS & MEASURES:	Metric
ELECTRICITY:	220v AC
INOCULATIONS/VACCINATIONS:	There are no vaccination requirements for Sweden
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:	Jan 1,6, Apr 14-17, May 1, 25, Jun 4, 6, Nov 4, Dec 24, 25, 26
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Customs

Sweden is part of the EU and therefore no official documents are required for personal effects and household goods if originating from another EU country. However, should you be from outside the EU the following applies.

Household Goods – Private persons coming from Non EEC Countries only.

Removal Goods

Documents required:

- Household goods inventory in Swedish, or English
- Swedish customs form (TV740.41 issue Feb 22 2012, Swedish version or TV740.42 issue May 22, English version)

Customs exemption is granted for goods other than spirits, liquors, wines, export beers and tobacco products if they are presented for customs clearance by or on behalf of a person who:

- Migrants from abroad without having been domiciled in Sweden previously or has been or is domiciled in Sweden and immigrates or returns to this country after having stayed abroad for at least one year
- Are owned by the person for whom they are given customs clearance
- Are found not to be in excess of the needs of the owner and his household
- Constitute household necessities or have been used abroad by the owner or a member of his household
- Are to be used in this country by the owner or a member of his household
- Goods must arrive within one year after person has formally moved into Sweden

PLEASE NOTE:

Returning person:

Client must be in Sweden and have registered domicile in Sweden in order to get duty exemption.

The Customs form must be presented to the Customs authorities with original signature.

Please contact your destination agent to get the latest versions of the customs forms.

Diplomats Removals

Documents required:

- Permit from the Swedish Foreign Department (TV.740.22)

Duty free entry.

For Diplomat shipments, the Embassy they represent must complete, stamp and sign an “Application For Duty Free Import” and sent it to the Swedish Foreign Ministry for approval (stamped). If approved, it is fine to bring alcohol

without customs duty, alcohol tax and Swedish VAT. Your destination agent will need this application in original as well.

Wedding Trousseaux

Documents required:

- Household goods inventory in Swedish, English or German
- Swedish customs form (TV740.41 issue Feb 22 2012, Swedish version or TV740.42 issue May 22, English version)
- Copy of marriage certificate

Duty free entry.

The gifts must be received or promised in close connection with the wedding.

Inheritance

Documents required:

- Copy of the will of the deceased or a certified relevant extract there from
- Inventory (if the copy of the Will or other document does not specifically detail the goods to be imported)

Duty free entry.

The consignee must prove that he has inherited the items.

New Furniture, Household Items

Documents required:

- Commercial invoice
- Movement certificate (if applicable)
- EC-certificate if applicable
- Invoice for freight and insurance

Subject to customs duty and VAT

Works of Art, Antiques

No special documents are required for antiques in a removal. If sold and shipped as commercial goods, certificate stating value and over 100 years of age is necessary.

Duty free entry when shipped as household goods.

Antiques and works of art imported into Sweden for re-sale are subject to duties.

Precious Metal Objects

Duty free entry is allowed on the same basis and under the same conditions as furniture and other articles.

Motor Cars, Motor Cycles, Caravans and Trailers

Documents required:

- Bill of sale
- Certificate of registration
- Insurance documents

- Proof of use and ownership of the car for at least six months before shipping the car to Sweden if immigrating, 12 months minimum if returning

Owner must have lived outside Sweden for at least 12 months.

Returning person: must have owned and used the vehicle for more than one year.

Immigrant: must have owned and used the vehicle for more than six months.

NOTE: for ownership six months the vehicle must meet Swedish standards.

Charges payable if the vehicle etc is disposed of within a year.

Plants and Vegetable Products

Documents required:

- Import licence

Import licence must be obtained from the Plant Protection Institute in Sweden. A certificate must accompany the plants from the Plant Protection authority in the country from which they come.

Wood Packaging Regulations

The European member states have adopted the International Standard of Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM). This regulation requires all wood packing materials to be treated for the transport of goods to the EU from other countries.

Dogs, Cats

Documents required:

- Import licence
- Approved ID marking
- Rabies vaccination by means of an approved vaccine, together with an antibody test. Dogs must also be vaccinated against leptospirosis as well as distemper.
- Health certificate together with vaccination certificates.
- Certificate of deworming against echinococcus.

The identification marking, the customs authorities at border crossings will check import licence, and vaccination certificates. These regulations apply only to the importation of dogs and cats from EU/EFTA countries. Animals imported from non-EU/EFTA countries must go into quarantine for four – six months and import licence is required.

Always check with your agent – requirements may vary.

Your destination agent can give you information about the import licence and where to apply for it. The ID-mark must be a legible tattoo, or an approved form of implanted microchip. Before they can be vaccinated against rabies, dogs must be at least 3 months old and cats at least 14 months old. No earlier than 120 days after the vaccination, a blood sample must be taken for antibody testing.

The vaccinations against distemper and leptospirosis must be at least one month before importation.

Cats and dogs must be dewormed against echinococcus within the 10 days prior to importation. Always check with your destination agent. An approved vet must sign the health certificate no earlier than 10 days prior to importation.

Birds

Canary birds: import licence must be obtained from the Swedish Veterinary Board.

Spirits, Wine, Export Beer and Tobacco

Subject to customs duty and VAT.

It is not recommended to include in a removal due to high customs duties, and long time for customs clearance, and extra handling charges.

Dangerous Goods

Documents required:

- Import licence

Flick knives, stilettos, ammunition, fireworks and other explosive articles.

Firearms

Documents required:

- Special licence must be obtained from the Police before entrance into Sweden

It is a must that the shipper has arrived in Sweden before the customs clearance can take place.

Narcotics, Drugs

Importation prohibited.

Mobile Telephones

Telephones must comply with Swedish standards.

Certain feathers, furs skins, etc of animals coming under the protected species regulations

Importation prohibited as per the Washington Convention for endangered species.

General Information on the Kingdom of Sweden

Background

A military power during the 17th century, Sweden has not participated in any war in almost two centuries. An armed neutrality was preserved in both World Wars. Sweden's longsuccessful economic formula of a capitalist system interlarded with substantial welfare elements was challenged in the 1990s by high unemployment, and in 2000-2002 by the



global economic downturn, but fiscal discipline over the past several years has allowed the country to weather economic vagaries. Sweden joined the EU in 1995, but the public rejected the introduction of the Euro in a 2003 referendum.

Geography

Sweden the largest most populous of the Scandinavian countries, occupies the eastern part of the peninsula in North Europe and borders the North and Baltic seas and Gulf of Bothnia. Forested mountains cover the northern half of the country, part of which lies within the Arctic Circle. Southwards is a lowland lake region, where most of the population lives. Farther south is an upland region, and then a fertile plain in at the tip of the peninsula. Natural resources include coniferous forests, mineral deposits and water resources. There is little agriculture, though some dairy products, meat, cereals and vegetables are produced in the south. The forests supply timber for export and for the important pulp, paper and furniture industries. Sweden is an important producer of iron ore and copper, zinc, lead, silver and gold are also mined. Machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, electrical goods and telecommunications equipment are the main industries. The majority of trade is with other EU countries.

Climate

Sweden has warm summers and cold winters, though the latter are longer and more severe in the north. Natural hazards are ice flows in the surrounding waters, especially in the Gulf of Bothnia, can interfere with maritime traffic.

Environmental Issues

Acid rain damages the soil and lakes. There is pollution in the North sea and the Baltic sea.

Population

It is estimated at 9 million.

Currency

Is the Swedish Crown (SEK) (Swedish Krona).

- Coins 1, 5, 10 Krona
- And 50 ore is half a Krona 100 ore is 1 Krona
- Notes 20, 50, 500, 1000 Krona

Economy

Sweden has achieved an enviable standard of living with its combination of free-market capitalism and extensive welfare benefits. Sweden remains outside the euro zone largely out of concern that joining the European Economic and Monetary Union would diminish the country's sovereignty over its welfare system. Timber, hydropower, and iron ore constitute the resource base of an economy heavily oriented toward foreign trade.

Economic growth slowed in 2013, as a result of continued economic weakness in Sweden's European trading partners; Sweden's economy experienced modest growth in 2014-15, with real GDP growth above 2%, but continues to struggle with deflationary pressure.

Education

Swedish schools are divided into lagstadiet, mellanstadiet, hogstadiet and gymnasium. Lagstadiet is grades 1-4, mellan is 4-9, hogstadiet is 7-9 and gymnasium is 10-12. Grades 10-12 are referred to as 1-3. Gymnasium is not obligatory in Sweden, but nearly everyone attends gymnasium. A gymnasium student can choose to study a course plan based on a particular field, such as carpentry, car mechanics, or construction work. Gymnasium students can also orient their courses toward further study at the university level. Sweden has gymnasium schools for sport-oriented students, such as skiing or running. After gymnasium comes the university, teachers college, vocational schools or medical school.

Religion

Lutheran 87%, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist.

Languages

Mostly Swedish with small Sami and Finnish speaking minorities.

Natural Phenomena of Scandinavia

The most amazing natural phenomena in Scandinavia can be witnessed in the region of the Arctic circle, Iceland and Sweden.

The Northern Lights are probably the most famous natural occurrence in Scandinavia, the correct name is Aurora Borealis. We associate the Aurora Borealis with wintertime, although in reality they are present all the year round.

The Midnight Sun occurs in Scandinavia during the earlier summer months, (May, June and July) so it is great to experience.

Polar Nights do not mean spending countless months in darkness (Nov, Dec and Jan). Depending on the location of your destination, there may be a lot more light than you expect. Polar Nights often get more sunlight per year than other destinations.

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