

# All the right moves – Germany



**Britannia**

REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING



# Welcome to Britannia in Germany

## Britannia moving to/from Germany

Germany is a popular destination for UK citizens looking to move overseas. For many years Britannia has been providing a regular removal service between the UK and Germany, and can offer a door to door service if required. Many of Britannia's network of companies specialise in moving regularly to Germany. With the support of our relationships with local German removal companies we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources as well as secure storage facilities in Germany, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

## Importing Your Personal Effects

The importation of used household and personal effects is duty free providing they are owned and used longer than 6 months prior to importation to Germany, however all items with a single value above EUR 5000 have to be declared. The goods must stay in possession of the importer for 12 months after importation.

## Custom clearance/documentation

Germany is a full member of the EU, documentation required should be merely a copy of your passport. Britannia will advise you of the requirements prior to your move.

## Transit Times

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

## Tracking Consignment

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

## Prohibitions and Restrictions

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

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive material

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.

## 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 Germany 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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