



Bringing your personal belongings to the United Kingdom from outside the European Community

This form is for you to declare your belongings to Customs and to claim any duty and tax free reliefs that may apply when you return to or transfer your normal home to the EC. The reliefs are explained in Customs Notice 3 - 'Bringing your belongings and private motor vehicle into the United Kingdom from outside the European Community'. If you are a temporary visitor, you may also need to read our Notices 200 'Temporary importations' and 308 'Temporary Importations - means of transport' and complete Form C 108 instead of this form.

If you want a copy of these notices or more information, ask our National Advice Service (Tel: 0845 010 9000 or +44 208 929 0152 for international callers).

Please note that you will also need to complete the following forms if you are bringing in:

- private motor vehicles: Form C 104A (if imported on transfer of residence) or C 179B (if previously exported from the EC) or C 108 (if temporarily imported);
- pets: Form C 5 (if permanently imported) or C 108 (if temporarily imported); or
- furnishings for a secondary home in the EC: Form C 33.

This form, the others mentioned and Notices 3, 200 and 308 are also available on our Internet website: <http://www.hmce.gov.uk>

Please complete these details:

	Please use BLOCK LETTERS		
Personal details	Surname	Forename(s)	Date of your arrival in the UK day month year

Packing details	<p>* Packages include cases, cartons, tea chests and the like.</p> <p>* You must attach a complete detailed packing list to this form; and number and sign each page of the list.</p>	Total number of packages containing your belongings.
Please answer questions on page 2 and complete Parts A and B on pages 3 and 4. ➔		

Request to clear When your belongings arrive in the UK you, or your agent, should complete this part.	Ship's name or aircraft flight number	Bill of lading or airway bill number	
	Place of loading abroad	Container number(s)	
	Place of import	Date of import	Place for examination
	I request clearance of the goods mentioned above.		
	Signature (importer or agent) Date		

For official use

Duty and tax relief

Meaning of words in italics

If you are:

- * returning to or transferring your **normal home** to the **EC**, please complete the following
- * coming to the **EC** as a **temporary visitor**, please see our Notice 200

Please tick correct box and answer all questions unless directed otherwise.

Returning to, or transferring your **normal home** to, the **EC**.

At the time of coming to the **UK**:

- a. Have you had your **normal home** outside the **EC** for a continuous period of 12 months?
 (Note: your 'normal home' is not necessarily the country in which you were born or hold citizenship - see the definition on the right of this page)
- No go to b
 Yes * in which country?

 * how long have you lived there?

 * what is the date of moving?

 * how many persons are moving?

 * how many are under age 17?

- b. Are you returning to the **EC** after a temporary visit outside?
- No go to c
 Yes how long was your visit?

 * list in Part B all goods purchased or obtained during the visit, including any obtained in a duty free shop on the way out from the EC and brought back, and go to Part A
- c. Are you moving your **normal home** to the **EC** on marriage?
- No go to d
 Yes please give date of marriage and go to Part A

 (if your marriage has already taken place, please attach a copy of the marriage certificate)
- d. If you are moving your **normal home** from outside the **EC**, do your **belongings** include any goods which you have possessed and used for less than 6 months?
- No go to e
 Yes list these goods in Part B and go to e
- e. Do your **belongings** include any goods obtained under a tax-free scheme and on which duty and/or tax remain unpaid?
- No go to Part A
 Yes list these goods in Part B and answer the following: when you took delivery of the goods, were you:
- i) a diplomat? No Yes
 ii) a member of an officially recognised international organisation? No Yes
 iii) a member of NATO forces or civilian component? No Yes
 and are you able to provide evidence of this? No Yes

Now go to Part A

Relief is freedom from paying duty and tax when you meet the relevant conditions explained in Customs Notice 3.

Your **normal home** is where you usually live - that means where you spend 185 days or more in a period of 12 months because of your work and personal connections. But if you have no work connections or your work and personal connections are in different countries, then you usually live where your personal connections are. (However if you are a UK citizen and you are working outside the EC, your normal home can be where you are working so long as you have lived there for 185 days or more in a period of 12 months). As an example, if you are a UK citizen returning with your family after working in the USA for 5 years, your normal home is the USA.

The **UK** is England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland (but not the Channel Islands).

The **EC** is the European Community: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Irish Republic, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the UK. Although they have close links with the EC, the following are regarded as outside the EC for tax purposes: the Åland Islands, Andorra, the Canary Islands, the Channel Islands, French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mount Athos, Reunion, San Marino and Turkey.

Your **belongings** are the goods kept by you or your immediate family for household or personal use.

A **diplomat** includes anyone who works in UK or foreign Embassies, Consuls or High Commissions, or in association with these. Also Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff, or staff working in their support.

A **temporary visitor** is a person who usually lives outside the EC who has no intention of moving his normal home to the EC. If you are a student in the EC for full-time study, you will be treated as a temporary visitor if you do not intend to make the EC your permanent home.

Part A You must list the following goods below, even if they are already specified on a packing list:

Type of goods	Description of goods	Quantity eg Number of bottles	Country where obtained and if duty/tax free	Price paid	Present or value	How long have you had these?	Marks or description of packages in which packed
Tobacco products Cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars, other tobacco	If none, write "NONE".						
Spirits (including liqueurs) Put - brand name - strength - bottle size - quantity remaining	If none, write "NONE".						
Wine Put - type - bottle size - quantity remaining	If none, write "NONE".						
Perfume/ Toilet Water Put - type - bottle size - quantity remaining	If none, write "NONE".						
Tools of trade	If none, write "NONE".						
Goods for commercial use (including goods intended for sale in the UK)	If none, write "NONE".						
Prohibited and restricted goods See the list below before completing.	If none, write "NONE".						

If you have used all the space, add continuation sheet(s). Please number and sign each sheet.

Prohibited and restricted goods include:

- Controlled drugs such as opium, heroin, cocaine, MDMA (Ecstasy), morphine, cannabis, amphetamines and lysergide (LSD).
- Firearms (including gas pistols, electric shock batons, stun guns and similar weapons), ammunition and explosives (including flares incorporating a barrel).
- Indecent or obscene material featuring children.
- Pornographic material that cannot be freely purchased in the UK.
- Flick knives, butterfly knives and certain other offensive weapons and some martial arts weapons.
- Counterfeit currency.
- Radio transmitters (walkie-talkies, Citizen Band Radios, cordless telephones etc.) not approved for use in the UK.
- Meat and poultry; many other animal products.
- Plants and plant produce including trees and shrubs, potatoes and certain other vegetables, fruit, bulbs and seeds.
- Animals, birds and fish, whether alive or dead (eg stuffed), parts and articles derived from protected species including furskins, ivory, reptile leather, stony corals and goods made from them.

Complete this Part if required by Section 1 or 2 on page 2.

Part B Other goods which may be liable to import charges and not already listed in Part A.

Description of goods If you have no goods to list, please write 'NONE'	Quantity	Country where obtained and if duty/tax free	Date obtained	Price paid	Present or value	Period of use	Marks or description of packages in which packed

If you have used all the space, add continuation sheet(s). Please number and sign each sheet.

Warning	Imports are examined by Customs and there are heavy penalties for making false declarations including possible forfeiture of goods.
Declaration This must be signed by the importer of the goods and NOT by an agent.	I declare that: * I have read the notes on this form. * All the answers given on this form, the packing list and on the continuation sheet(s) numbered are true and complete. * I am personally aware of what is contained in the packages totalled on the first page, and as specified on the attached packing list. Signature Date Address in the UK Telephone number
What to do next	When you have completed this form, send it with any continuation sheet(s), packing list, relevant invoices and the keys for any locked packages to the agent, airline or shipping company that is clearing your belongings through UK Customs. Faxed copies will be acceptable for Customs purposes if it is difficult to get the originals to your agent.

Data Protection Act 1998

HM Customs and Excise collects information in order to administer the taxes for which it is responsible (such as VAT, insurance premium tax, excise duties, air passenger duty, landfill tax, climate change levy), and for detecting and preventing crime.

Where the law permits we may also get information about you from third parties, or give information to them, for example in order to check its accuracy, prevent or detect crime or protect public funds in other ways. These third parties may include the police, other government departments and agencies.



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Our Ref CIE / C3 Personal Effects
Your Ref

Migration of EPU Activity to the National Clearance Hub (NCH)

Changes to procedures for CIE / C3 Personal Effects Entries

1. Background.

All non-frontier specific entry activity for the Heathrow and Gatwick EPU will migrate to the NCH, Salford on Monday 26th March 2007. Local guidance is being prepared to cover the impact on trade communities at the airports. This letter provides advance information for private importers who may wish to use the CIE input facility provided by HMRC at the NCH. *

Currently HMRC provide a CIE facility on Wednesdays at Heathrow and Thursdays at Gatwick, which will be withdrawn after business on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd March 2007 respectively. With effect from Monday 26th March all CIE requests will be processed by the NCH.

2. Procedure.

Unaccompanied C3 baggage:

2.1 Private importers NOT opting to use an agent should send original C3 declarations fully completed with original signatures by post to the NCH, together with any relevant accompanying documentation, such as the Air Waybill and Health Certificates. The papers should be supported by an undertaking to pay any charges

Information is available in large print, audio tape and Braille formats.
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in relation to duty and VAT and a contact address and telephone number must be provided. NCH will assess and process the payment of any duties liable and will advise the importer once clearance is granted in order that they can attend the transit shed and collect their goods.

The Postal Address for the NCH is as follows:

HMRC
NCH CIE
CUSTOM HOUSE
FURNESS QUAY
SALFORD M5 2XX

The CIE Team opening times are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Alternatively, Heathrow and Gatwick Airlines, Transit Sheds or ERTs operators may fax the required documents to the CIE Team, at Salford on Fax no: 0161 261 5425

NB: in either case, CIE entries will be managed in order of receipt and are likely to take up to 12 working hours to process if all documentation is present and correct.

2.2 Agents clearing unaccompanied C3 baggage at inventory linked sites should, where a particular consignment is selected either Route 1 or 2, fax/email a copy of the C3, C21 and any supporting documents to NCH as normal. An appropriate inventory reference and the location of goods must be quoted.

The full process design requirements for the NCH are covered in the PD Version 7, which is available through your trade representatives or HMRC.

3. Contacts

If you have any queries regarding the above prior to migration, please contact:

Jim Sigley, Modernisation / NCH Project Team 020 8910 3002
Jane Webb, Heathrow and Gatwick EPU Manager 020 8910 3046

With effect from 26th March 2006 and CIE enquiries should be directed to the national Clearance Hub, Salford:

NCH CIE Team Tel:- 0161 261 5441/5436

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