

## BEFORE LEAVING

### Get the right information



As part of measures to bolster the security of the European Union and its citizens, French nationals and citizens of the EU, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland who **arrive from or leave for a non-Schengen country** are subject, in the same way as citizens of other countries, to **heightened customs checks when entering and leaving France.**

#### USEFUL TIP



If you have any questions concerning:

- **Out-of-date identity documents** (national identity card, passport)
- **Authorisations to leave France (AST)** for minor children who live in France and who are travelling abroad alone or without either of their parents
- **Visas**

Visit the [service.public.fr](http://service.public.fr) website or that of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs: [diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays-destination/](http://diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays-destination/)

Apply for a **FREE CIRCULATION CARD\***, a passport for your personal belongings, if you are carrying: laptop, shelf, camera, video-camera, jewellery, etc.



\* Issued free of charge by your nearest customs office upon presentation of your belongings together with supporting documents (invoices, warranty certificates, etc.).



## Contact



**Direction générale  
des douanes et droits indirects**  
General Directorate  
of Customs and Excise  
11, rue des Deux Communes  
93558 Montreuil Cedex

**INFOS DOUANE SERVICE**  
0 811 20 44 44 Service 0,06 €/min + prix appel

Or from outside Metropolitan France  
+ 33 1 72 40 78 50



## TROUBLE-FREE TRAVEL!



## PEACE OF MIND WHEN PASSING THROUGH CUSTOMS

### IF YOU ARE CARRYING €10,000 OR MORE



When leaving and returning to France, you must declare cash or cash equivalents of **€10,000** or more to Customs.

### BANNED GOODS

Narcotics, counterfeits, endangered species of wild fauna and flora.



### RECOGNISING COUNTERFEITS

1. Use official sales outlets
2. Pay attention to the product's overall quality
3. Be wary of low prices
4. Look at the label and the positioning of logos
5. Check the quality of the packaging

### RESTRICTED GOODS<sup>1</sup>

Medicinal drugs, foodstuffs (fish, milk, etc.), plants, pets, weapons, cultural goods.



1. Ask Customs.

## RETURNING TO FRANCE

Returning from a **non-EU country** or an overseas department or community

### MAXIMUM VALUES ALLOWED

**€430  
euros**



BY AIR



BY SEA

**€300  
euros**



BY CAR



BY TRAIN

**€150  
euros**



CHILDREN  
UNDER 15

### MAXIMUM QUANTITIES ALLOWED<sup>2</sup>



**200** Cigarettes

**100** Cigarillos

**50**

Cigars

**250 g**

Smoking  
tobacco



**1L** if +22° above

**2L** if -22° above



**4L** of wine



**16L** of beer

2. Travellers under 17 are not entitled to these allowances.

## RETURNING TO FRANCE

Returning from an **EU country**  
Member State

You are entitled to bring in quantities<sup>3</sup> for personal consumption, within the following limits, per traveller<sup>4</sup>:



**200** Cigarettes

**100** Cigarillos

**50**

Cigars

**250 g**

Smoking  
tobacco

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES



**10L**

Alcoholic beverages and spirits (whiskey, gin, vodka, etc.).

**+ 20L**

Intermediate products (vermouth, port wine, Madeira, etc.).

**+ 90L**

Wine (of which 60L maximum of sparkling wine).

**+ 110L**

Beer authorized.

3. Carried by you.

4. Travellers under 18 are not entitled to these allowances.