

Customs Information

Travelling into the Bailiwick of Guernsey

Guide for travellers



www.gov.gg/gba

This brochure is not intended to be all encompassing but contains general information.

For full details please visit www.gov.gg/gba

This brochure applies to accompanied goods only. These are goods which you carry on your person or in a vehicle, private aircraft or private vessel, which are intended for your own private use or as gifts.

For unaccompanied or commercial imports into Guernsey please see www.gov.gg/gba

On 1st January 2021, the United Kingdom left the European Union and formed a new Customs Union with its Crown Dependencies (Guernsey, Jersey & Isle of Man).

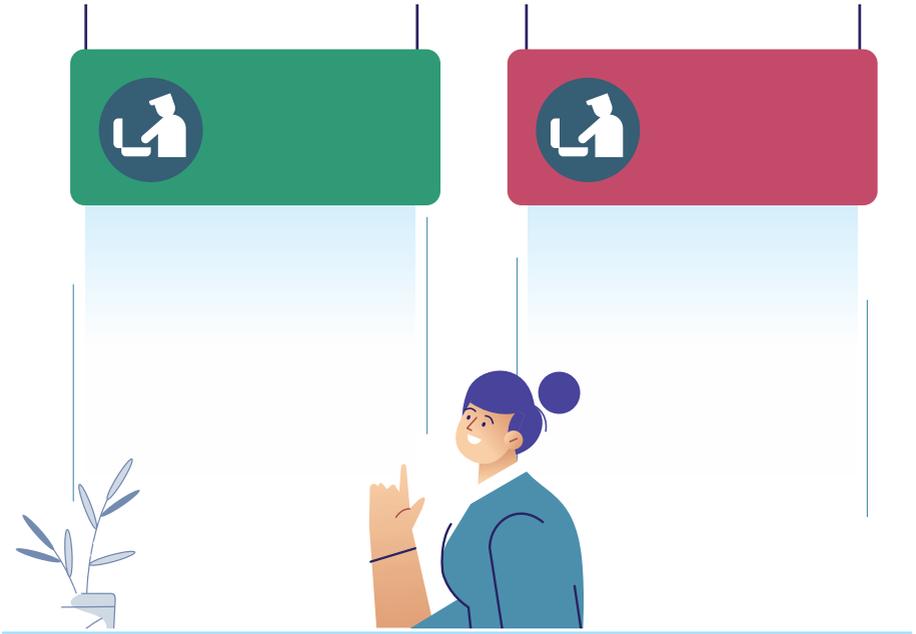
A border was re-established between the UK and EU, which means that new formalities must be followed by the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

We wish to help make your passage into Guernsey via Customs a smooth one.



You can find detailed information on how and when to make a Customs declaration by visiting www.gov.gg/gba or scan the QR code

Declarations



By exiting through the green channel, you are declaring by your actions that you have no prohibited or restricted goods, or goods in excess of your import or excise allowances. If you have goods to declare or are unsure, please go to a Red Point.

You, your vehicle or vessel, and your baggage can be checked for anything that must be declared. You may be asked to:

- pay any relevant duties
- give up banned goods
- produce documents for restricted goods, for example licences and permits

Failure to make a proper declaration is an offence and can result in seizure of the goods and/or a fine.

If you knowingly give an untrue declaration, or knowingly give an untrue answer to a question asked of you by an officer, this may lead to a fine and/or prosecution.

Depending on the severity of the offence, you may be arrested.



If you break the law, the goods and the vehicle or vessel you have used to transport them may be seized.

Duty-free allowances

There are limits on what you can bring into the Bailiwick from the UK or EU duty and tax-free. If you bring in goods over your allowances below, you will be liable to pay Excise duty.



Tobacco products

200 Cigarettes

- *or* -

100 Cigarillos

50 Cigars

- *or* -

250g Smoking Tobacco



Alcoholic beverages

- 1 litre of Spirits > 22% AVB

- *or* -

- 2 litres of Spirits < 22% by volume (this includes fortified and sparkling wine, and other liqueurs)

- ***and*** -

- 4 litres of still table wine

- *or* -

- 8 litres of still table wine if no spirits, liqueurs, fortified or sparkling wines are imported.

- ***and*** -

- 50 litres of beer or cider (or a combination)

Alcohol and Tobacco allowances are only available to those aged 17 and over and cannot be pooled.

Personal allowance



Goods that you import for your own private use or as gifts worth more than **£390** on a commercial air or sea service or **£270** by private aircraft or private vessel, from **any country** other than the UK, Jersey or Isle of Man, must be declared to Customs and you may have to pay import duty on the full value of the item.

Declaring cash or cash equivalents

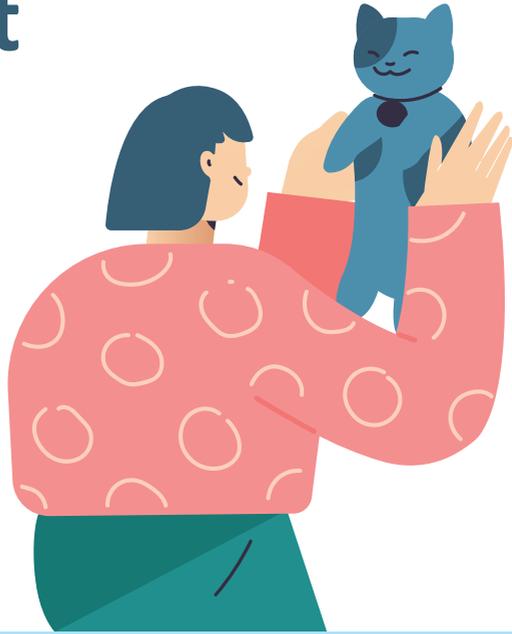
If you are carrying **£10,000** or more (in cash or cash equivalents, whatever the currency) when leaving or returning to the Bailiwick, **from any destination.**

Cash declaration forms are available at the Customs Red Points.



You will be liable to financial penalties, a fine or a term of imprisonment, or both, if you fail to comply with the obligation to declare cash or provide incomplete or incorrect information.

Travelling with your pet



Domestic cats, dogs and ferrets

A maximum of **five** pets at a time can accompany an owner or a person responsible for the animal during their movement. The animals should not be intended for sale or transfer to another owner, including rescue pets.

Pet cats, dogs and ferrets travelling from outside the Customs Union

All animals imported into the Bailiwick of Guernsey from outside the Customs Union must be pre-notified in writing to the Office of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation; svo@gov.gg.

Pets must have one of the following documents when returning to the Bailiwick and must be declared to Customs:

- A valid Pet Passport
- *or* -
- An Animal Health Certificate (AHC) issued in the UK or Crown Dependencies used to travel to the EU (which you can use up to four months from the date of issue)
- *or* -
- A Great Britain Animal Health Certificate



Invasive non-native species

Invasive non-native species (INNS) pose a threat to Guernsey's environment, economy and public health. Therefore these cannot be imported into the Bailiwick.

Other animal imports

Animals that do not meet the requirements of the general import licence will require a specific import licence.



For further information please visit:
www.gov.gg/otheranimalmovements
or scan this QR code.

Food & plants



Foods entering Guernsey from mainland EU

There are some food products of animal origin that you can carry in your personal luggage if they are for personal use. Currently there is no limit on the importation of food.



Please note some foods may be considered 'high priority' plant material such as potatoes.



Scan this QR Code for more information on plants and plant materials

Plants and plant material entering from mainland EU

Plants and plant products must undergo customs inspection upon arrival in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

Travellers must present all plants and other 'high priority' plant material for inspection and carry plant health certificates from the country of origin.

Plant health certificates, also known as Phytosanitary certificates will be required for **all plants** and other 'high priority' plant material in passenger baggage.

For further information and to notify the Animal & Plant Health Inspector prior to importation of these goods, please contact 01481 221161 or envhealth@gov.gg.

If you are importing plants or any other 'high priority' plant material and do not have a plant health certificate you must dispose of the goods in the yellow bin at the Customs Red point, or they will be seized and destroyed. 'High priority' plants are:



All plants



All plant material for planting



Potatoes



Specified seeds for sowing



Timber and Logs from specified tree species

Banned (Prohibited) Goods



There are some goods that you are not allowed to bring into the Bailiwick of Guernsey regardless of where you are travelling from. These are known as 'prohibited goods' and are banned.

These goods include:



Illegal drugs such as ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and LSD.



Offensive weapons such as flick knives, butterfly knives, knuckledusters, sword sticks, batons, throwing stars, samurai swords and some martial arts equipment.



Self-defence sprays - such as pepper spray, CS gas, mace.



Electric shock devices - such as stun guns.

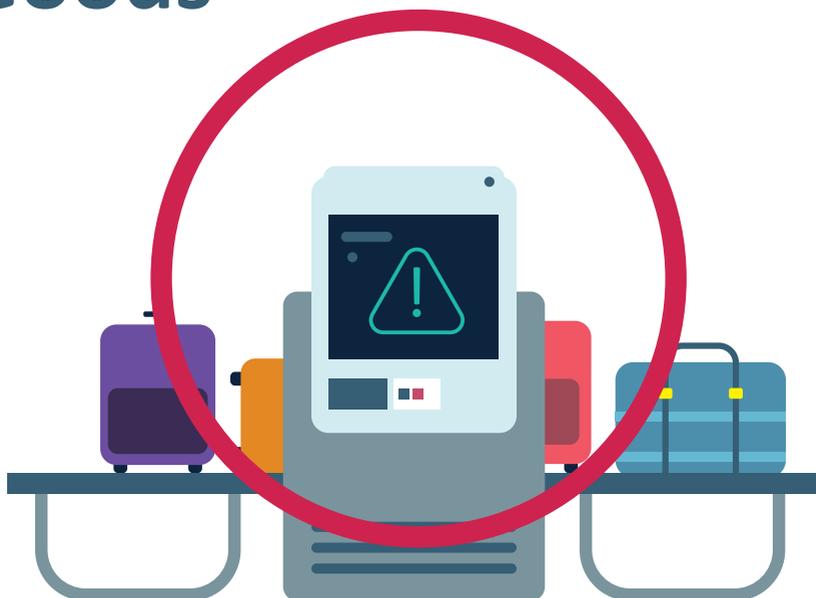


Indecent and obscene materials.



Prohibited Goods will be seized by customs and you may be prosecuted.

Restricted Goods



Some goods are restricted and may only be brought into the Bailiwick of Guernsey if you have obtained the relevant licence or permit prior to importation.

Where such goods are not accompanied by the appropriate licenses or import authority they may be subject to seizure and destruction.

Restricted goods include:



Firearms and component parts of firearms, ammunition and explosives (including fireworks).



Animals.



Certain medication - prescription medication must not exceed three months' supply at the dosage specified in the prescription. This includes Cannabis Based Medicinal Products. Licences are required if you exceed this limit.



Cash including bullion, travellers cheques, and precious metals.



Endangered species whether alive or dead, including goods made from them like fur, ivory and reptile leather. CITES licences are required.



Uncooked meats.



Plants – All plants and other 'high priority' plant material.



Restricted Goods must to declared at the Customs Red Point

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