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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	▪ Copy of shipper's passport. ▪ Exit certificate or certificate of stay abroad for at least 12 months (confirmation from the local authority of the previous residence, confirmation by firm or other official proof). ▪ Copy of packing list. ▪ Valid Residence Registration Form (primary residence!). ▪ Power of Attorney (original). ▪ Austrian Customs Forms (original).	▪ Only used goods, which have been owned and used for at least 6 months by the immigrants and are intended for use in the country.	▪ Removal goods can be imported into Austria duty free within 1 year from the change of residence. After customs clearance, the removal goods are blocked for 12 months, i.e. within this period the removal goods may neither be sold nor given away unless the customs duties are subsequently paid. ▪ Customers who have lived in the European Union prior to the import may need a permit for duty-free importation of household goods ("Grundlagenbescheid") to be obtained at customs office nearest to residence. ▪ Please contact your destination agent if this permit is necessary. This permit can be obtained by customer or by your destination agent.
Diplomatic removals	▪ Copy of packing list. ▪ Copy of shipper's passport. ▪ Austrian Customs Forms (original) for diplomatic goods completed and signed by the Embassy/Organisation and attested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.	▪ New goods can be imported duty free. ▪ Alcohol can be imported duty free. ▪ Import of alcohol is allowed for diplomats but limited to annual quota agreed by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective Embassies in the country.	

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Wedding trousseaux	▪ Original passport. ▪ Marriage certificate (notice of banns alone is not enough). ▪ List in triplicate of the goods to be imported, with declaration by the applicant that the goods are dowry (they can also be new goods). ▪ Attestation from the Austrian partner to the marriage that he was resident in Austria for at least 6 months before the marriage. ▪ Valid Residence Registration Form (primary residence!).	▪ New goods can also be imported duty free.	
Inheritance	▪ Passport of the heir. ▪ Inheritance certificate (attested by the courts or by a Notary). ▪ Inventory (attested by the courts or by a Notary). ▪ Valid Residence Registration Form (primary residence!). ▪ Death Certificate.		▪ The inheritance goods must be used. ▪ Importation must happen within 24 months once acceptance of inheritance is made.
New furniture, domestic appliances, souvenirs	▪ Purchase invoice. ▪ Certificate of circulation of goods and import permit where applicable.	▪ Subject to customs duty and tax.	
Gifts	▪ Purchase invoice in duplicate. ▪ Import permit where applicable. ▪ Certificate of origin.	▪ Subject to customs duty and tax.	
Objects of art, antiques	▪ Invoice for goods in duplicate (if applicable, expert appraisal).	▪ Antiques, if over 100 years of age, are duty free but subject to VAT. ▪ Objects of art are subject to customs duty and tax. ▪ For antiques as a rule, a certificate of appraisal from an Austrian expert is	

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Motor Vehicles	▪ Same as removal goods, but in addition vehicle papers (type certificate).
	▪ Invoice or purchase order.
	▪ Copy of registration or copy of title certificate.
		▪ For passenger cars, motorcycles, motor scooters, mopeds:
		  ▪ Free of duty only in connection with a move.
		  ▪ Vehicles must be in use and possession of the emigrant for at least 6 months in country of departure.
		  ▪ A tax called "NOVA" (between 8 and 14% of the actual value) has to be paid at the time of registration. NOVA means "Normverbrauchsabgabe" (standard consumption tax) and is calculated on the average gas consumption of the individual model.
		  ▪ Owner of car must have been outside of the EC for at least 12 months.
		▪ Duty free for caravans, trailers motor boats.	

Firearms		▪ Special official permit necessary. ▪ Import of pump guns forbidden.	
Spirits and perfumes	▪ Same as removal goods	▪ Only the permitted amounts for travellers are free of duty and tax.	▪ Subject to import permit, heavy import duties and complicated customs clearance. (It is recommended to avoid importing these products).
Cigarettes and tobacco		▪ Prohibited.	
Plants	▪ Same as removal goods. ▪ Plant protection certificate.	▪ Free of duty.	▪ Applicable for plants and plant products.

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Domestic animals	▪ Veterinary certificate. ▪ Inoculation certificate.	▪ Free of duty.	

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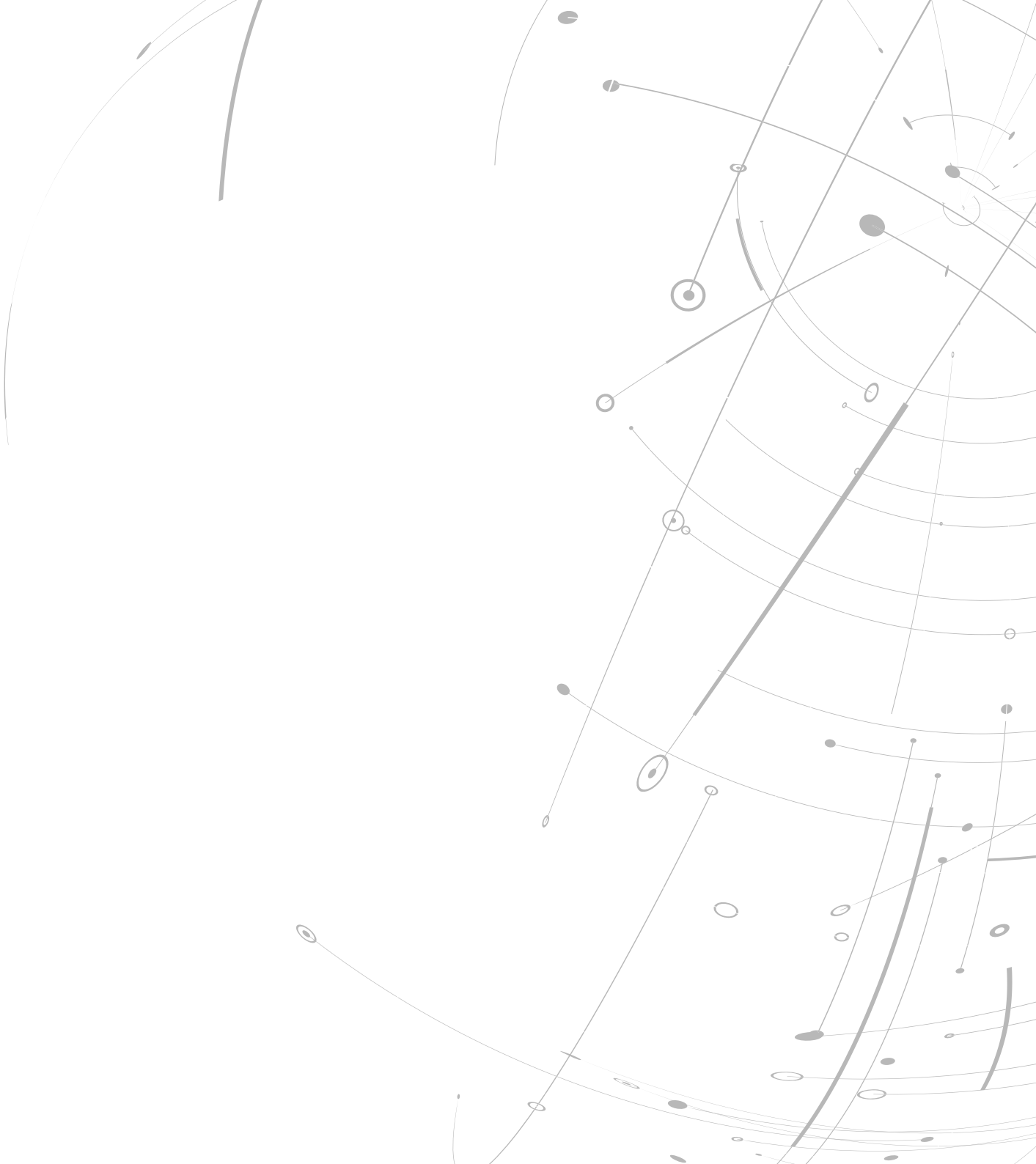

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