

## CLAIMING VAT BACK ON NEW PURCHASES

Before relocating abroad, many people buy or replace furniture, electronics, mattresses, bicycles and other household items. The VAT (Value Added Tax) paid on new purchases can be refunded after these goods have been exported.

## WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH CLAIMING THE VAT BACK ON YOUR NEW PURCHASES

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Remember that you can only claim VAT back on purchases that predate your shipment by no more than 2 months
- Ensure that all invoices mention your full name and address (please note that the address must be your new overseas address)
- Ensure that EORI numbers are clearly mentioned on all invoices. EORI stands for 'Economic Operators Registration and Identification', and Customs will not accept invoices that do not contain this number
- Make sure that you provide us with copies of all invoices at least 1 week before the packing of your shipment
- Remember that all items for which you are claiming back VAT need to be included in the shipment to your new address, and all such items must be clearly mentioned on the packing inventory
- Remember that VAT cannot be refunded for invoices lower than € 500,00

### WHAT WE WILL DO FOR YOU

- We will present your invoices to Customs together with all other relevant shipping documents
- After your shipment has departed, Customs prepare EX1 documents (official proof of export) for each invoice and return these to us.  
This procedure can take several months
- We send you the EX1 documents, together with a copy of your invoice. You can send those to the store(s) where new purchases were made. Store(s) will then refund the VAT into your bank account

### PLEASE NOTE

- VAT refunds cannot be claimed for food items
- Accompanied exports and 'tax free' exports may require a separate procedure
- We organize the administration service for the VAT documents, however, if in some cases the documents will be lost or not returned back from customs, we cannot be held responsible since this is beyond our control.

**Should you have any queries about the VAT refund process, do not hesitate to get in touch with us on [belgium@gosselin-moving.com](mailto:belgium@gosselin-moving.com)**