

PERSONAL IMPORTATION OF GOODS FROM EU COUNTRIES

As Christmas approaches this is a timely reminder of the process that should be followed by BFG entitled personnel who wish to make tax free purchases from EU states other than Germany. This includes purchases from businesses such as Amazon, Next, JF Hinds, Argos, Debenhams, Boots etc..

1. Order your goods.
2. Obtain BFG Form 60 from Official Procurement Agency (OPA) (tax free office) and complete it.
3. Send completed BFG Form 60, with a copy of your order form/invoice to C & I, BFPO 40.
4. On receipt C & I will issue BFG Form 80 and return it to you.
5. Once you receive the BFG Form 80 you may go to your OPA with the BFG Form 80 and the Invoice/Receipt for your goods (remember to take a photo copy).
6. The OPA will issue a completed Article 15(10) (exemption certificate) and stamp a copy of the invoice, which should be returned to the supplier for the reimbursement of VAT.

For full details of regulations relating to importation of goods from other EU countries see SOBF(G) 5205. Further advice is available from your local C & I Office.

The above procedure must be followed as part of the special concessions offered to Members of the Force under the Status of Forces Agreement and Supplementary Agreements.

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