



Guidelines for Overseas Removals by 20 foot or 40 foot container

When the container arrives at your residence to be loaded, bear in mind that the container will NOT be at floor level. The loading height is around 4ft 8 inches from the ground.

For this reason we recommend that you always have at least 4 people to load the container, 2 people in the container, 2 outside to load onto the container.

If you require a side loader or container lift (equipment to drop the container to ground level) this must be requested at the time of booking. This normally adds around £200 to the quoted price.

Will you be loading a car? If so, do you have ramps or a flush loading bay to get the car on board (remember loading height is 4ft 8 inches off ground level). Will all your personal effects fit in after the car has been loaded?

If loading a car, make sure you have the equipment to secure it when inside, i.e. with lashing ropes, there will be lashing points inside the container for you to use.

If shipping a car we will need the car's registration number, chassis number and engine number.

It is the shipper's responsibility to ensure that the car can be imported into the destination country.

Keep a note of the Container number and Seal number.

Keep a note of the number of pieces loaded, every box and piece of furniture.

You will be given 2-3 hours loading time (depending on the container size). All time over the allotted time is subject to an hourly demurrage charge.

Containers need roads that are easily accessible. Please point out at the time of booking if you are living in a road with restricted access. A 20 foot container and the lorry it will be placed on will need a turning circle of around 4 car spaces outside the premises, a 40 foot around 8 car spaces. Unless you specifically request it, a 20 foot container will be delivered on a 40 foot chassis.

For insurance purposes we can only cover owner packed effects for total loss / theft of the whole shipment, or any 1 or more packages. This excludes breakages / pilferages.

Remember that there may be destination taxes / duties. These have to be paid locally if charged.

A 20 foot container will hold around 25-27 cubic metres and a 40 foot will hold around 60 cubic metres.