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Counterfeit products

It is forbidden to bring and import counterfeit products into the Netherlands. Customs will confiscate these products and you will have to pay a penalty.

Branded products are counterfeit to benefit from success of this branded product (intellectual property fraud).

The following products are often subject to counterfeiting:

- shoes
- clothing
- bags
- expensive watches
- illegally copied CD's and DVD's
- perfume

Please note!

If traders abroad offer you what is known as branded products for extremely low prices, you may assume in nearly all cases that you are dealing with an illicit trade or counterfeit items.

Exception

It is forbidden to bring in and import counterfeit products. However you are allowed to bring in personally a very small quantity of counterfeit goods intended for personal use. The table below lists types of counterfeit products and quantities allowed to be brought in (according to the directives of the Public Prosecutions Service). If Customs finds more goods per defined category in your baggage than the quantity listed in the table below, Customs will confiscate all goods of the defined category. You will also have to pay a penalty.

Table: Despite prohibition you are allowed to bring in the following counterfeit products

Type of counterfeit product	Maximum quantity	Remarks
Watches	3 articles	
Perfume/ Eau de toilette	250 ml	
Video and audio media with the exception of master(s)	3 pieces/media	Distinct titles A DVD containing 3 distinct films counts as 3 media
Software and games	None	
Other goods (such as clothing and toys)	3 articles/pairs	

Please note!

This exception only applies if you bring in these goods yourself as a traveller. If counterfeit goods enter the Netherlands by post or courier the counterfeit goods will be confiscated and you may be prosecuted. Moreover, bringing the (counterfeit) goods into the Netherlands should in itself be permitted. A private person is not permitted e.g. to bring fake firearms into the Netherlands.

Further information about counterfeit products

If you need more detailed information regarding goods that you are allowed to bring in please, call Customs Information Line [[/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontenten/standaard_functies/individuals/contact/calling/calling](#)]. Stichting BREIN (www.anti-piracy.nl) [<http://www.anti-piracy.nl/english.php>] informs the public on intellectual property fraud of music, film, video and interactive software. Stichting BREIN fights intellectual property fraud.

Violation is punishable

Customs and other enforcement services will check whether you have complied with these rules. If you do not comply with these rules you will be liable to punishment and can be prosecuted.