Duty to declare cash/funds

When LEAVING the European Union (EU) you must declare cash/funds you are carrying in the amount of € 10,000 or more to customs in writing without being asked.

Cash/funds means cash in any currency and certain securities, e.g.
- shares
- cheques
- savings bonds
- bills of exchange

When and where you must submit the declaration of cash depends on your flight route.

Please observe the following:
- **If you leave on a direct flight to a non-EU country**
  The declaration of cash must be submitted to customs before entering the aviation security checkpoint.
- **If you leave with a previous flight transfer within the EU**
  The declaration of cash must be submitted to customs at the last EU airport used to travel to a non-EU country. If you do not leave the security area at this airport, you must submit the declaration to customs within this area.

Watch out for corresponding signs and ask for the customs desk where you can submit the declaration.

Infringements of the duty to declare can be punished with a fine up to € 1,000,000!

Please note:
The duty to declare cash of € 10,000 or more relates to the cash/funds actually carried by a person and exists regardless of the reason for travel (private or business travel) and regardless of who owns the cash. It is not permitted to divide the cash among a number of persons in order to circumvent the duty to declare.

Further information is available at www.zoll.de