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New update/release will be in December 2017

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 3, 2014

FROM: American Embassy  
Consular Section  
Vienna, Austria

SUBJECT: CASC: *Disposition of Remains Report 2014*

TO: Department of State (CA/OCS/ACS/EUR)

REF: (a) 7 FAM 260; (b) Dispos. Remains Report 2011

Since there has been no change in Austrian regulations and procedures concerning the disposition of human remains, we are submitting below only a revised list of costs. The prices quoted are based on exchange rate of US \$ 1.00 equals Euro 0.80.

**a. LOCAL BURIAL** (with ten year lease on grave, renewable)

City of Vienna	\$ 5500
Lower Austria	\$ 4000 - 6000
Upper Austria	\$ 4000 - 7000
Styria	\$ 3500 - 4200
Carinthia	\$ 4000 - 5000
Burgenland	\$ 3500 - 5000
Salzburg	\$ 5000 - 6000
Tyrol	\$ 5000
Vorarlberg	\$ 5600 - 7000

**b. PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES**

Vienna	\$ 5000
Lower Austria	\$ 5000 - 7500
Upper Austria	\$ 5000 - 7000
Styria	\$ 5000 - 7000
Carinthia	\$ 4000 - 5000
Burgenland	\$ 4000 - 6000
Salzburg	\$ 5000

Tyrol	\$ 5000
Vorarlberg	\$ 7500

**c. COST OF SHIPPING PREPARED REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES**

East Coast	\$ 2400
South Coast	\$ 2400
Central	\$ 2400
West Coast	\$ 2700

Shipping costs are based on an average weight of the casket with remains to be 150 kilos.

**d. CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL OF URN**

Vienna	\$ 4800
Lower Austria	\$ 7500
Upper Austria	\$ 2800 - 5600
Styria	\$ 3500 - 4200
Carinthia	\$ 4200
Burgenland	\$ 3500 - 4900
Salzburg (city)	\$ 3500 - 4900
Salzburg (province)	\$ 4600
Tyrol	\$ 5000
Vorarlberg	\$ 7000

**e. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF URN TO THE UNITED STATES**

Vienna	\$ 3000
Lower Austria	\$ 4000
Upper Austria	\$ 3000
Styria	\$ 3000
Carinthia	\$ 4000
Burgenland	\$ 4000
Salzburg	\$ 3000
Tyrol	\$ 3500
Vorarlberg	\$ 5000

e. above includes shipping costs, which are approximately \$ 350, regardless of where in the United States (nearest international airport closest to final destination) the urn is sent.

**f. EXTRA COSTS**

(1) Jewish rites: from \$ 2800, depending on the financial circumstances of the deceased.

(2) Transportation costs inside Austria from site of death to nearest cremation or embalming facilities: approximately \$ 3.00 per kilometer.

**g. MAXIMUM PERIOD BEFORE BURIAL:**

Austrian law does not place a time limit within which burial or funeral arrangements must be made. Remains are held for a fee at a mortuary pending receipt of the next of kin's instructions.

**h. EMBALMING:**

There is no a time limit within which remains must be embalmed, nor a requirement for embalming remains for export from Austria or for import into the United States.

**i. CREMATION:**

There is no time limit within which remains must be cremated.

**j. CASKET AND CONTAINERS:**

Coffins/caskets and air trays that are suitable for cremation, local burial, or international shipment of remains are available.

**k. EXPORTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS:**

Whole remains must be contained in a zinc-lined, hermetically sealed coffin/casket. To facilitate the export of whole remains from Austria to the United States, the Embassy prepares a Consular Mortuary Certificate which includes flight details and other important information (e.g. local health certificate, embalmer's statement etc.).

**l. EXHUMATION:**

Applications for exhumation must be made to the responsible legal department of the owner of the cemetery. Exhumed remains and the original casket/coffin must be contained in an outer casket/coffin for shipment. Exhumations may only be carried out by cemetery administration. The cemetery charges a fee to open the grave.

**m. AUTOPSIES:**

An autopsy is mandatory in Austria when there is reasonable cause to suspect that the deceased died a violent or unnatural death or a sudden death of which the cause is unknown.