



**BURUNDI**



## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Letter of Employment
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) - no Express Release accepted / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Freight Invoice or OBL showing freight charges
- Original inventory in English or French, dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- Invoice for electrical items and appliances
- Copy of Burundi Visa to benefit from exemption
- Certificate of Free Entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Diplomats)

#### Specific Information

- All documents must be provided to agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to obtain duty-free clearance.
- All used household goods for non-diplomatic shipments are subject to import duties and taxes of approximately 7% of the CIF value.
- All new household goods for non-diplomatic shipments will be charged duty and taxes as any commercial goods. Average duties are approximately 40% of the CIF value.
  - Handling 4% CIF Value
  - Transactional tax 17% of (CIF + duties + handling)
  - Clothes 40% CIF
  - Food 40% CIF
  - Furniture 40% CIF
  - Personal effects 25% CIF
- Diplomats must obtain a Certificate of Free Entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If granted, the shipper will only be liable for 1% handling charges based on cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value.

### MOTOR VEHICLES

#### Documents Required

- Original Registration Card
- Copy of Passport
- Original Purchase Invoice
- OBL

#### Specific Information

- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.
- The duty rates on cars are as follows:
  - Diplomat 1% handling charge
  - Vehicle more than 10 passengers 15% CIF
  - Tourism vehicle Between 40% and 100% CIF
  - Handling 4% CIF value
  - Transactional tax 17% of (CIF + duties + handling)

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## PETS

### Documents Required

- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Rabies Vaccination Certificate

### Specific Information

- Veterinary Health Certificate and Rabies Vaccination Certificate are required from the country of origin.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and is duty free (max 20 bottles). If value is more than 500 USD, a pre-shipment inspection will be requested as well as an import license.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Transmission equipment
- Illegal drugs
- Weapons, explosives and ammunition
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Plant and plant products
- Meat and meat products
- Hazardous materials
- Counterfeit money and goods
- Pornographic materials

## CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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### Helpful Website(s):

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1078.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1078.html)

<http://www.burundiembassy-usa.org>