



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Passport
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) (2 copies)
- Packing list
- Detailed valued inventory in French, signed and dated by the shipper
- Work Permit issued by Ministry of Labor
- Certificate of First Settlement issued by Immigration Department
- Work Visa
- Fiche Electronique de Renseignements al l'Importation (FERI)

Specific Information

- All original documents must be received by the destination agent at least 14 days prior to shipment arrival.
- Diplomatic shipments can be imported duty free provided that the Diplomatic Mission has received the Exemption Certification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- To apply for the duty-free exemption, Diplomats must present original documents, including the original AWB for air shipments to the destination agent at least 14 days prior to shipment arrival.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Registration Card
- Original Purchase Invoice
- Non-sale Certificate
- Original Certificate of Title / Registration
- OBL
- Original Invoice

Specific Information

- The taxes on motor vehicles depend on the age, weight, power, etc., and range approximately between 8% to 46% the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value.
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

PETS

Documents Required

- Certificate of Vaccination
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Import Permit

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Specific Information

- Pets are subject to examination upon arrival.
- Pets may enter as accompanied baggage or cargo.
- The Veterinary Health Certificate must state that animals are free from ticks and exposure to contagious diseases.
- The Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued with 15 days of import.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- The following items may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (100), cigars (50), tobacco (1/2 lb.)
 - Alcoholic beverages (1 bottle)
 - Perfume (a reasonable amount for personal use)
 - Cameras (may be temporarily imported by tourists)
 - Radios, tape recorders, record players (subject to duties)
 - Satellite and radio communications equipment (authorization is required)
 - Arms and ammunition (an Import License is required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Unlawful drugs
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and is duty free (20 bottles)

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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