



**ZAMBIA**



## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) - no Express Release accepted (2 non-negotiable copies showing the ocean freight rate) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Resident / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Detailed inventory of new items (bought less than 6 months prior shipment arrival) in English dated, valued and signed by the shipper and attached to the original invoices
- Tax Identification Number

#### **Specific Information**

- Shippers need between 20–40 days to obtain the Free Entry Certificate.
- Relevant documents must be received by the agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to minimize any port charges.
- Shipper must be present for Customs clearance.
- All sea / road shipments are subject to Removal in Bond (RIB) pending receipt of exemption from the diplomatic organization (Diplomats)
- Shipments will be offloaded in a bonded warehouse until the exemption is obtained and shipment cleared, which may result in additional costs (Diplomats):
  - RIB charges: \$350 per entry
  - Handling in and out: USD 8/100 lbs. gross - min \$100
  - Storage: USD 8/100 lbs. gross per month or part thereof - min \$150
  - Transport from warehouse to residence: \$350 for 20 TC and \$550 for 40 TC

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **Documents Required**

- Original Passport of shipper
- Original Registration Card
- OBL / AWB
- Non-sale Certificate
- Car invoice (must show purchase price and date of purchase)
- Letter of Transfer (from the shipper's employer)

#### **Specific Information**

- OBL must include chassis number, engine number, color, model, make and weight of the vehicle.
- The duty rate on new cars is 25% of the invoice value + 17.5% value added tax.
- In order to avoid any unnecessary delays and charges for demurrage and storage due to lengthy Customs procedures, the agent must receive a copy of the required documentation prior to arrival of the shipment; check with agent for specific timeframes.

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## PETS

### Documents Required

- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Vaccination Record

### Specific Information

- Permission to import animals is required from the nearest embassy.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Electrical items, 25% of the invoice value and 17.5% VAT
- Computers, 15% of the invoice value and 17.5% VAT
- Firearms and ammunition (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Alcohol and spirits should be sent separately from a personal effects shipment and are subject to 100% tax.
- Endangered species and any products or parts thereof as outlined by the Washington Convention or CITES (authorization from CITES is required).
- Medication
- Hunting weapons (authorization from the Ministry of Interior is required)
- The following household goods may be imported duty free within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), cigarillos (100), tobacco (500 g)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Unlawful drugs
- Narcotics
- Pornography
- Counterfeit items
- Cultural artifacts and other objects of cultural importance
- Henna
- Palm trees and any byproducts
- Explosive 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.zambiaembassy.org>