



Importing Personal Property Into *Madagascar*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- Household goods are older than six months and if the importation is considered a move.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- √ Copy of the passport (diplomats)
- √ Original passport with long term visa (for corporate, private returning citizens)
- √ Original Bill of Lading (no express release accepted)/Airway Bill
- √ Original Inventory in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- √ Resident or working permit and letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract
- √ Certificate of Change of Residence

Note:

Shipper must be present in Madagascar before the arrival of the shipment (minimum 10 days)

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms and ammunitions
- Unlawful drugs
- Alcohol and other spirits are prohibited and should be sent separately. Must be accompanied with statement of "fond de cave" (less than 30 bottles).

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Shipper must be present in Madagascar before the arrival of the vehicle
- Cars can be imported only via Port of Entry Tamatave (Toamasina)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- √ Original passport
- √ Original Registration Card
- √ Invoice or Certificate of Sale
- √ OBL/AWB
- √ Certificate of Transfer

Note:

- If vehicle is not older than one year: tax = approx. 118% of CIF value (tax is based on the value of a similar new car)
- If vehicle is older than one year (and if the name of shipper appears on the registration card for at least one year)
- If the name of the shipper does not appear on the registration card for more than one year, 118% of CIF value will have to be paid as customs taxes
- For diplomats, militaries, and privates: no tax at the arrival of the car. If the car is sold in Madagascar, customer will have to pay a tax upon departure (approx. 75% of CIF value)

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