



# Importing Personal Property Into *Mozambique*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PETS

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

- **Foreigners:** goods have been in the shipper's possession for at least 6 months.
- **Returning Mozambique Citizens:** goods have been in the shipper's possession for at least 12 months.

### Notes:

- Shipper must be present in Mozambique 10 to 15 days prior to the arrival of the shipment.
- Used home computers and electronic devices are considered personal effects.
- Foreigners must pay a Customs tax of 1% of the value on the inventory.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original Passport with Visa
- ✓ Valid Resident or Work Permit
- ✓ Dated, valued (in US dollars) inventory in Portuguese, signed by the shipper.
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
- ✓ Letter from shipper's employer in Mozambique explaining that the shipper is starting a new contract.
- ✓ New items, electrical items and hi-fi systems require invoices.
- ✓ Application from the Ministry of Finance through the Director of Customs.
- ✓ New furniture requires:
  - ✓ Commercial Invoice
  - ✓ Packing List
  - ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
  - ✓ Certificate of Origin

### DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS:

- Duty-free if all of the required documents are obtained.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Declaration from the embassy or consulate stamped by the foreign ministry.
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
- ✓ Inventory
- ✓ Copy of diplomatic Passport

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms, ammunition and combustibles
- Illegal drugs
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from a household goods shipment and must be sent separately.

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS:

- Medications require a Health Certificate.
- Foodstuff requires a certificate
- New furniture incurs an import tax of 40% of the declared value.

### IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Dogs and cats may be imported provided they are accompanied by the appropriate documentation.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Veterinary Health Certificate from origin
- ✓ Pre-declaration
- ✓ Rabies Inoculation Certificate

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES

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### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- **Mozambique Citizens** are allowed to import one vehicle if the following conditions have been met:
  - They have lived abroad for at least one year for professional purposes.
  - The car belonged to the shipper for at least 180 days.
- **Mozambique Citizens** can import a used vehicle duty-free, if an application for exemption of duties is obtained. A new car can be imported and the returning Mozambique Citizen can apply with Customs to receive a 75% reduction on customs duties.
- **Foreigners** can import one car if it has been in their possession for at least one year from the date of their arrival in Mozambique. Foreigners will pay taxes ranging from 5% to 115%, depending on the size of the vehicle's engine and year of manufacture.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original Registration Card
- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading
- ✓ Original Purchase Invoice of the automobile.
- ✓ Import Permit obtained prior to the vehicle's arrival.
- ✓ Inspection Report obtained prior to the vehicle's arrival.

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