



# Importing Personal Property Into *Benin*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Goods have been in shipper's possession for at least 6 months
- Goods are part of a diplomatic shipment

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of valid passport
- ✓ 2 Original bills of lading (no express release accepted)/Airway Bill. The weight should be listed in kg.
- ✓ Detailed inventory in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Detailed inventory of new items (bought less than six months before the shipper's arrival) in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper. Must be attached to original invoices.
- ✓ Resident or working permit or letter from employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract in Benin.
- ✓ Non sale certificate (declaration on the honor that the client will not sell his HHG's)

### Notes:

- Containers are systematically checked by customs
- All documents for diplomatic shipments should be submitted more than 25 days before arrival to obtain the document for free entry.

### RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms, ammunitions, are submitted to authorization from territorial administration  
Firearms must be declared on the OBL or AWB (must include user's registration number, brand and caliber)
- Unlawful drugs

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Non sale document
- Origin certificate

### IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Amount of taxes to be paid depends on the age, make and power of the vehicle.
- Must present the following documents:
  - Original Registration card
  - Invoice or freight or bill of lading with price of freight indicated
  - Non sale certificate
  - Origin certificate

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