

Importing Personal Property into Congo



Required Documents:

- Packing list
- Copy of valid passport showing the entry permit
- Original bill of lading (no express release accepted)/AWB
- Ocean freight invoice or rated bill of lading
- Detailed inventory in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper (original invoices must be included)
- Letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract in Congo.
- Certificate of change of residence* (issued by the local authority at the point of departure)
***\$750 USD penalty must be paid if this document is missing**

Note:

Documents should reach the destination agent at least 15 days prior to shipment's arrival to allow the shipper's employer to obtain the certificate for free entry (duty free) from the Customs Head Office and minimize port charges.

No taxes will be assessed if the shipper is granted duty free status. Only items bought less than six months prior to shipping will be subjected to import taxes.

Importing Motor Vehicles

Must provide the following documents:

- original registration card
- invoice of freight bill or bill of lading with price of freight indicated
- origin invoice

Vehicles cleared without exemption will be taxed at 54.1% of value estimated by customs authorities.

Prohibited/Restricted Items

- Firearms and ammunition must be submitted to authorization from territorial administration.
- Alcohol: only the mention of "fond de cave" (less than 30 bottles) is acceptable and duty free.
- Satellite and radio communication without authorization

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.