

# Importing Personal Property Into Uganda

# IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Original valid passport
- ✓ Original Working Permit
- ✓ Original OBL (no express release accepted, must have two copies)/AWB
- ✓ Original inventory in English dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Original invoices for the electrical and hi fi appliances and for all items bought less than 6 months before shipment's arrival
- ✓ Resident permit
- ✓ Letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract

#### Notes:

- Shipper must be present upon arrival of shipment and have obtained his/her working permit
- Documents must be express mailed 15 days prior to shipment's arrival in order for the shipper's employer to apply for the possible duty-free exemption certificate
- Diplomatic shipments are duty free providing that there is only one of each type of electrical items (i.e. 1 TV, 1 freezer etc.). Duplicates will be taxed
- Non-Diplomatic and Returning Residents shipments' will be charged taxes on all items that are less than 1 year old
- Computers are not considered personal effects and will be taxed by customs

# **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- Shipment must include the following documents:
  - Original log book
  - Original invoice
  - Original OBL/AWB
  - Certificate of fitness for vehicles and reflectors in the case of pickups and other commercial vehicles
  - Tax identification number
  - Form e (form must be purchased at shipper's bank in Uganda)
  - Import Certificate (from Ministry of Trade and Industry in Uganda)

# **RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Toy guns
- Guns
- Oil and Petroleum products
- Alcohol and other spirits (subject to 100% taxes)

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