



Importing Personal Property Into *Rwanda*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS & CARS

IMPORTATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY:

- Shippers have to pay the following taxes:
 - **Customs Duties:** percentage of CIF value as determined by the customs tariff.
 - **Handling:** 4% of CIF value
 - **ICHA:** 10% of total (CIF + handling + customs duties)
- If an exemption certificate is presented, the shipper will pay a handling charge of 1% of CIF value.
- The customs clearance must occur within 15 days of arrival. If clearance does not occur within this time period, the shipment will be subject to warehousing taxes.
- When **alcohol** is included in a shipment, less than 30 bottles is acceptable with the mention of "Fond de Cave" on the packing list. Otherwise, alcohol and other spirits should be sent separately.
- Home computers are not considered personal effects and are subject to customs duties and taxes.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Inventory in English or Spanish, that is valued, detailed and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Copy of Passport
- ✓ Airway Bill or Original Bill of Lading (no express release accepted)
- ✓ "Attestation reservation de cale"
- ✓ Exemption certificate/ guarantee letter
- ✓ Origin certificate

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (For Personal Property, continued):

- ✓ Letter of transfer from shipper's employer.
- ✓ Arrival notice
- ✓ Original invoices for electrical items and furniture. Items less than 6 months olds are subject to duty and import taxes.
- ✓ Freight invoice or bill of lading with price of freight indicated.

CUSTOMS DUTIES:

- Clothes: 40% of CIF
- Food: 60% of CIF
- Furniture: 60% of CIF
- Personal Effects: 40% of CIF

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Transmission equipment
- Alcohol and other spirits are prohibited unless there are less than 30 bottles.

IMPORTATION OF CARS:

- Customs duties will be assessed on new and used cars.
- If the shipper has an exemption certificate, customs will assess a 1% (of CIF value) handling charge.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original registration card
- ✓ Original invoice

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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.