



Importing Personal Property Into Central African Republic

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- Household goods must have been in the shipper's possession for at least 6 months.
- The goods must not be resold.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Detailed, valued, dated and signed inventory in French
- ✓ Resident or work permit or letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract
- ✓ Original rated Bill of Lading/Airway Bill
- ✓ Invoices for all electrical and "hi-fi" appliances and for all items bought less than 6 months prior to shipment's arrival
- ✓ Non-sale certificate (declaration that the client will not sell his HHG's)

TAX RATES ON CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS

If the shipper *is not a diplomat*:

- ▶ Tax on computers = 80% of CIF value + TCA (added tax of 16%)
- ▶ Tax on alcohol = 67.5% of CIF value + TCA (added tax of 16%)
- ▶ Tax on Tobacco = 77.5% of CIF value + TCA (added tax of 16%)
- ▶ Tax on electrical appliances=80% of CIF value + TCA (added tax of 16%)
- ▶ Tax on vehicle = from 48% to 78% of CIF value +TCA (added tax of 16%) (Tax varies based on value of vehicle.)

Note: No taxes are levied on cars for temporary admission

If the *shipper is a diplomat*, there is no tax, except for the following:

- ▶ Tax on computers (which are not considered personal effects and are never duty free) = 80% of CIF value + TCA (added value of 16%)
- ▶ Tax on vehicle =0.5% of CIF value

Please note that Customs only allows one of each type of appliance (i.e. one TV, one refrigerator etc.) per shipment; multiples will be taxed

All shipments are checked by Customs.

Additional Information:

- Invoice of all electrical items and furniture must be more than 6 months old. New electrical items are subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.
- Home computers are not accepted as personal effects and will be subject to customs duties and import taxes.

For diplomatic air/sea shipments, origin agent must send a copy of all original documents as soon as possible. It takes 15 days to obtain the document for free entry from the Foreign Ministry and Customs Head Office.

PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Guns and ammunition (must be submitted for authorization from territorial administration)
- Illegal drugs
- Alcohol and other spirits should be sent separately. Only the mention of “fond de cave” (fewer than 30 bottles) is acceptable.
- Dogs and cats: health certificate and rabies inoculation certificate (dated more than 1 month and less than 1 year before arrival) are required.
- Birds: a health certificate (dated less than 5 days before the arrival) is required. Parrots from the Americas are not allowed.

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents required for used cars:

- ✓ Original registration card
- ✓ Copy of shipper’s driving license
- ✓ Original invoice of the car
- ✓ Customs form F4

Documents required for new cars:

- ✓ Export declaration
- ✓ Copy of shipper’s driving license
- ✓ Original invoice of the car
- ✓ Customs form F4

Note:

Documents must be received by the destination agent 1 month prior to shipment’s arrival to avoid long delays and demurrage and storage charges.

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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.