



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list in French or Spanish
- Original Visa
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Detailed valued inventory in French or Spanish, dated, and signed by the shipper
- Purchase invoices must clearly identify electrical items, date, year and place of purchase
- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Original Certificate of Transfer on employer letterhead with start date of employment
- Duty-Free Certificate (Diplomats)
- Change of Residence Certificate and detailed valued inventory list, stamped and signed by the consulate of Equatorial Guinea in the origin country (returning citizens).

Specific Information

- Used household goods are not duty free for returning residents, returning diplomats and people coming to work in Equatorial Guinea, except those working for companies that have a protocol agreement with the government in which an exemption of duties is clearly stipulated.
- The attendance of the shipper is not required for import customs clearance.
- The taxes for import are outlined as follows:
 - None - Diplomats
 - 10% on all used household goods based on the declared value as per valued inventory list
 - 51.9% on new car
 - 38% on appliances
 - 50% for food (no tax if reasonable quantity)
 - 110 % for alcohol or tobacco (no tax if reasonable quantity)
- It takes approximately 8 days to get the franchise; demurrage and storage charges may be charged during this time (Diplomats).

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- OBL / AWB
- Letter of Employment
- In addition to above documents needed for all auto shipments, the below are also required:
 - New car
 - Purchase Invoice
 - Insurance document
 - Sale / purchase certificate
 - Used car
 - Car registration documents
 - Insurance documents

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Specific Information

- If the car is imported as personal effects, under the name of the client, and was owned for at least 6 months, then no import duties will be charged; if not, duties of 51.9% CIF value are applicable.
- Authorization from the Ministry of Transportation in Equatorial Guinea and from the Port authorities is required and must be obtained before shipping from origin port.

PETS

Documents Required

- Rabies Vaccination Certificate
- Veterinary Health Certificate

Specific Information

- All animals subject to examination by a Customs veterinarian.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and duty free (maximum 20 bottles)
- Weapons and ammunition (permission required)
- The following items may be imported duty free:
 - Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)
 - Tobacco (250 grams), cigars (50), cigarettes (200)
 - Perfume (reasonable quantity)
 - Currency greater than XAF 50,000

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs
- Pornography, defamatory, or obscene publications
- Clothing resembling that of the military
- Books and movies relating to wars or terrorist events
- Binoculars and high-tech cameras

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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Helpful Website(s):

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1110.html

<http://www.embassy.org/embassies/gq.html>