



Importing Personal Property Into Angola

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Regulations:

All shipments are subject to inspection including those with “Diplomatic” status. Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the client for at least six months and client can prove ownership of the goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 3 weeks prior to arrival of shipment to allow for application to grant duty-free clearance. The CIF value on the shipment should not be beyond 10,000USD. Shipments beyond that CIF value will be subject to a 2% tax payable to Customs Authority regardless of client status.

Pre-inspection is required at origin regardless of CIF value for the following items: Tobacco, beverages, food, plants, toys, used vehicles, bicycles & chemical products. Exception is allowed for clients with “Exemption” status. Documents required for Pre-inspection are:

- Pro Forma Invoice – in Portuguese, on origin agent letterhead with CIF value, signed & stamped with client and consignee details; approved by Trade Ministry in Luanda, Angola
- Import Permit – obtained after approval of Pro Forma Invoice
- PIP number – obtained at an inspection company such as Bureau Veritas with the above documents; the service agent in Angola with advise the origin the PIP number and to arrange for the inspection
- OBL or rated AWB – provide to inspection company to issue the “Clean Report Finding”

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport – copy
- ✓ Work Visa
- ✓ Angolan Tax card “Cartão de Contribuinte” - Copy; available once work visa is issued, or copy of employer’ tax card
- ✓ Letter of Employment – on company letterhead attesting work contract
- ✓ Airfare ticket
- ✓ OBL or AWB (rated) - original
- ✓ Original Goods invoices
- ✓ Freight Invoice
- ✓ Certificate CNCA (National Chargers Council- sea freight only)
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory - in Portuguese, in valued in USD
- ✓ Packing List - in English or Portuguese
- ✓ Pre-Shipment Inspection Veritas if: CIF > 10,000 USD for single , 5,000 USD for Company

Diplomat status

- ✓ Diplomatic Exemption- obtained from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ Embassy or Organization Declaration

Oil Companies

- ✓ Document from SONANGOL authorizing importation of goods with exemption of duties and rights

RESTRICTED ITEMS

- ✓ Goods with out a label or making indicating the country of origin
- ✓ Poisonous and toxic substances cannot be imported without authorization from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Industry
- ✓ Instruments to distill spirits cannot be imported without authorization from the Ministry of Industry
- ✓ Importation of denatured pure alcohol must by approved by the Ministry of Health
- ✓ Radios, transmitters, receivers and other communication devices cannot be imported without authorization from the National Post Authorities
- ✓ Weapons, ammunitions, explosives and fireworks cannot be imported without authorization from the Ministry of the Interior
- ✓ Roulette and other gambling machines are prohibited by law
- ✓ Card games have to be sealed as per the related regulation enforced
- ✓ Cigarettes, and materials used to make cigarettes can be imported by license holders
- ✓ Pharmaceutical substances must be in original containers listing the active ingredients and cannot be imported without authorization from the Ministry of Health
- ✓ Non iodized salt can be imported with the authorization of the Ministry of Fish
- ✓ Plants, roots, tubers, bulbs, germs, buds, fruits, seeds and crates/other packages containing these products, cannot be imported without authorization from the Ministry of Interior

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Animals and by-products originated from the following areas affected by epizootics such as;
- ✓ Meat of swine and by-products from South Africa.
- ✓ Live cloven-hoofed animals and animal by-products thereof, originating from Argentina, and the states of Mato Grasso, Sao Paolo, Parana, Groias and Minas Gerais in Brazil.
- ✓ Live Poultry and hatching eggs from Asia and Europe due to Avian influenza
- ✓ Counterfeit items such as works of art, literature, stamps, coffee with the coffee indication.
- ✓ Crates containing various types of merchandise and showing a single marking, not presented with a declaration stipulating the quantity and total weight of crates/packs.
- ✓ Pornographic publications and other derived products
- ✓ Plants coming from areas affected by phylloxera or other epiphytic disease
- ✓ Saccharine and food containing saccharine.
- ✓ Goods with pirated copyrights and imitation marks
- ✓ Grains and seeds of any variety, genetically modified or transgenic, unless otherwise destined to Food Aid Programs
- ✓ Medicines and other generic substances harmful to public health
- ✓ Rubber yo-yo water ball toys

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Pets can be imported duty-free. Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies for less than a year Domestic pets, such as dogs, cats and birds are permitted importation without quarantine.

- ✓ Vaccination Record from an authorized Veterinary entity
- ✓ Veterinary Health Certificate

Vehicles can not be older than 3 years. Vehicles can stay for a period of 2 years. (An extension of 1 additional year is possible) 40-45% of the CIF value must be deposited. When the car is exported, the deposit should be paid back. Be aware that it may take a while to receive the funds back.

New cars are subject to Pre-Shipment Inspection. Vehicles must have left handed steering and observe the legal requirements of safety, manufacture and circulation. Vehicles should not be sent in the same container as house hold goods.

Customs Duty: 10% on assessed value will be levied

Import Tax; 10% of the CIF + VAT which varies depending on engine cc:

Up to 1500c = 10% / 1500-2500 = 20% / over 2500 = 30% / diesel = 20-30%

*As of July 1st 2004 motor vehicles with right handed steering are allowed to be imported but not authorized to circulate, unless the necessary changes are made by the importer for registration.

Vehicles imported temporarily are allowed but under no circumstances can those vehicles be registered.

Motor companies are not allowed to import used motor vehicles

Diplomat shipments with autos are not subject Pre-Shipment Inspection.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Original Purchase invoice
- ✓ Work Contract or Employer Letter – stating position in the company of the client
- ✓ Passport - copy, with Angolan entry visa stamps
- ✓ Contributor Card “Cartão de Contribuinte” and “Resident Card” – copies
- ✓ Declaration of Value letter signed by the shipper
- ✓ Pack List – in English or Portuguese
- ✓ Taxation Number (importation license)
- ✓ Copy of airline ticket showing a valid coupon for a return flight

Company

- ✓ An import license (under the company name) is required to import a vehicle for the company
- ✓ Letter from company, stating that receiver is an employee of said company

NOTES

Entry & Exit Requirements: Angolan embassies and consulates will not issue visas unless the passport has at least six month's validity remaining. Angola does not require travelers to have an exit visa. While living or traveling in Angola, you should carry a certified copy of your U.S. passports with you at all times so that, if questioned by local officials, you can provide proof of identity and U.S. citizenship.

The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Luanda can prepare copies of U.S. passports at no charge when you register with the Embassy.

An International Certificate of Vaccination is required. Travelers whose international immunization cards do not show inoculations against yellow fever within the past ten years may be subject to exclusion, on-the-spot vaccination, and/or heavy fines.

Safety & Security: US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency. Remnants of war such as land mines and unexploded ordnance still make road and overland travel hazardous. If you are traveling or living in Angola, you should stick to clearly marked roads, and avoid walking off of the roads, particularly around bridges and river crossings. Police and military checkpoints are common along Angola's highways. Officials are sometimes undisciplined; however, their authority should not be challenged. These checkpoints are often used by police to stop and request identification from passing traffic, so be sure to have a valid passport and visa available. Travel to

Lunda North and South provinces only if it is essential. The government of Angola is sensitive to the travel of foreigners in the diamond producing areas of the provinces, and you will require proper permission and documentation to frequent these areas. Failure to adhere to these requirements may subject you to restriction or detention.

Crime: Crime is a serious problem throughout Angola. While most violent crime occurs between Angolans, foreigners are frequently targeted as well.

Currency: Angola is generally a cash-only economy; neither traveler's checks nor credit cards are used outside the capital of Luanda. In Luanda, credit cards are accepted in extremely limited circumstances, namely large hotels. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are accessible only to those individuals who hold accounts with local banks. Dollars are generally accepted for most commercial transactions in Luanda and in all provincial capitals. It is best to carry a sufficient supply of U.S. dollars with you during your travels. Only the newer series U.S. dollar bills (with large faces) are accepted.

Health: Yellow fever vaccination is required. Malaria is endemic in most areas of Angola. Angola and surrounding African countries have experienced outbreaks of viral hemorrhagic fever and Ebola. Carry with you an adequate supply of properly-labeled medications that you routinely require.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Angola does not impose ISPM15 regulations for wood packaging material (WPM).

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CNCA list of agents available through Benjamin Broom; Email: broom-b@agsafrica.com

Embassy of Angola: <http://www.angola.org/>

Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1096.html

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

Visa HQ.com:

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