



Importing Personal Property Into Equatorial Guinea

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are physically inspected. Customer does not need to be present during clearance. Household goods are duty free if they have been in the owner's possession for more than six months. Invoices with year, place of purchase and clear description are required for all electrical items being imported.

Shipments entering Equatorial Guinea with bills of lading dated from July 1 on without the Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) will be blocked by Customs. Shippers/Forwarders can register shipments at www.antaser.com to obtain ECTN.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport copy and visa
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Air Waybill (express B/L is acceptable)
- ✓ Electronic Cargo Tracking Note – obtained from Antaser Afrique
- ✓ Comprehensive valued inventory in Spanish or French dated and signed by the customer
- ✓ Letter from employer on company letterhead attesting to employment with date and start of the contract
- ✓ Invoices for all electrical appliances less than six months old

Returning citizens:

Required Documents:

- ✓ Change of residence certificate
- ✓ Comprehensive valued inventory in Spanish or French dated and stamped by the consulate of Equatorial Guinea at origin

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty and tax free entry on their household goods and personal effects with the Diplomatic Franchise which can take up to eight days to obtain depending on the Embassy or international organization. In the interim demurrage and storage charges will occur.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive valued inventory list in Spanish or French

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Firearms and ammunitions – allowance is submitted for authorization from territorial administration. However, authorization is difficult to obtain
- ✓ Wine must be listed as “fond de cave” 20 bottles maximum are permitted

- ✓ Appliances – duty is 38%
- ✓ Foodstuffs – strongly discouraged; requires special clearance, incurring delays, duty & taxes
- ✓ Tobacco – duty is up to 110%

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Firearms with out the proper permit
- ✓ Alcohol
- ✓ Pornography, obscene and defamatory publications
- ✓ Military style clothing and equipment
- ✓ Books, movies relating to wars or terrorist events
- ✓ Binoculars, high tech cameras and other surveillance type equipment

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination
- ✓ Health Certificate

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

To import used cars authorization from the Ministry of Transportation in Equatorial Guinea and authorization from the Port Authorities in Malabo. These approvals need to be in place prior to shipping the vehicle form origin.

Duty and taxes on a new vehicle can be up to 51.9% of CIF

Diplomats - No restrictions apply and the vehicle is free of duty and taxes.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration,
- ✓ Original B/L or AWB
- ✓ Copy of Passport
- ✓ Purchase Invoice – if vehicle is new
- ✓ Insurance Policy
- ✓ Transfer Letter from Employer

Bill of Lading must show Chassis number, Engine number, year of manufacture, brand and model

If the car was shipped as personal effects, under the name of the customer and was owned for at least six months than no import duties will be assessed. If not, 51.9% of CIF value is applicable

NOTE:

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: At this time Equatorial Guinea does not require the ISPM 15 requirement

Vaccinations: Yellow Fever, Typhoid, Cholera and poliomyelitis vaccinations are strongly recommended.

Other risks: Malaria is a risk year round, resistance to chloroquine has been reported. Hepatitis A, C, and E are widespread. TB, Dengue Fever, Giardiasis, Onchocerciasis and Trypanosomiasis are also present.

Epidemics of meningococcal disease may occur particularly in the savannah areas and the dry season.

Water should be boiled before consumption. Swimming in fresh water should be avoided.

Meats and fish should be well cooked and served hot. Pork, salad and mayonnaise have increased risk of bacteria and should be avoided. Avoid dairy products as they may be made with unboiled milk. Powdered

and tinned milk is available and advised. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit should be peeled.

Health Care: Medical Insurance including emergency repatriation is strongly advised

Up to date advice should be sought by a physician experienced with these diseases and vaccinations prior to departure.

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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.