



Importing Personal Property Into Mozambique

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of six months and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. All new items will be levied a tax. Used computers and electronics are accepted as personal effects. The goods must be imported within six months of arrival. Items cannot be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay.

All foreigners are charged a 1% tax on the stated value on the inventory. All documents for Customs clearance must be sent to the Destination Agent at least 15 days prior to arrival of the shipment.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport w/ Visa – copy, biographical pages & 1st entry stamp from Mozambique Immigration
- ✓ Residence Permit – copy
- ✓ Work Authorization - copy
- ✓ Lease/rental contract
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – 2 sets of originals, Express Release not allowed
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – original, in Portuguese, valued in USD, dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Pack list
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Letter from Employer – attesting to client's employment contract

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 15 days prior to arrival to obtain free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport - original
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory – in Portuguese, valued in USD, dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Appliances/Electronics – must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Prescription medications – require a health certificate
- ✓ Firearms & ammunition- requires a permit from local Mozambican police
- ✓ New items – (less than 6 months) must have invoices/receipts
- ✓ Tobacco – 400 cigarettes or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓ Perfume – 50 ml allowed, in excess of this incurs duty

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons unless otherwise approved
- ✓ Alcohol – must be sent separately or hand carried- 1 ltr of alcohol and 2 ltr of wine per person at least 18 yrs of age

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Mozambique Veterinary Certificate must be completed within 10 days of import. All documents must have owner's name as stated on the passport. Microchip is strongly advised.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, at least 30 days but less than 1 yr. prior to import
- ✓ Mozambique Veterinary Certificate – for pets originating from the US or Canada
- ✓ Import Permit – obtained through Customs
- ✓ Microchip Certificate – if applicable

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties. Amount to be paid depends on value, model, year, cubic centimeters and accessories. Tax range varies depending on these factors of 5% - 110%. The OBL must show Chassis Number, Engine number, Cubic Capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Driver's License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ Circulation Permit
- ✓ OBL

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: One should be certain they have many blank visa pages. At least 3 blank pages per entry is required. For those who may visit neighboring South Africa during their stay; one could go through pages quickly.

Mozambican law requires that all persons carry an identity document such as a passport when out in public and that they present it to police upon request. Notarized copies of both the biographic page of a passport and a valid Mozambican visa are acceptable forms of identification, although police will occasionally demand original documents.

Safety & Security: Overland travel after dark is extremely dangerous due to poor road conditions, lack of emergency services, and the increased potential for vehicle hijacking particularly on thoroughfares connecting Mozambique and South Africa. Americans on official business serving in Mozambique are prohibited from overland travel outside Maputo city limits after dark and are encouraged to travel in convoys of two or more vehicles when outside of the city during daylight hours. Americans on official business are prohibited from using "chapas" (local minibuses) due to frequent accidents involving these vehicles. Drivers should obey police signals to stop at checkpoints, which are common throughout Mozambique.

Crime: Street crimes, including mugging, purse-snatching and pick-pocketing are common, both in Maputo and in secondary cities. Car-jackings are increasingly common. One is advised not to display jewelry or other expensive items while walking around. Many airline trips from Mozambique to the U.S., Europe, or African destinations transit Johannesburg, South Africa. Baggage pilferage is an ongoing problem at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport. Travelers are encouraged to secure their luggage, use an airport plastic wrapping service, and avoid placing currency, electronics, jewelry, cameras, cosmetics, running shoes, or other valuables in checked luggage. Having a complete inventory of items placed in checked baggage can aid in processing a claim if theft does occur.

Currency: It is against the law to destroy Mozambican currency; offenders can expect a jail sentence or fine. The limit for an undeclared amount of U.S. dollars one can take out of the country is \$5,000. The maximum amount of local currency one can take out is 500 metical, which is less than 20 U.S. dollars. The South African rand and U.S. dollar are sometimes accepted as legal tender, although this is more common in the southern part of the country or in tourist areas; all transactions must have a local currency (metrical) payment option.

Health: Yellow fever vaccination is encouraged or required of one had visited a country where yellow fever is present. Cholera is a serious risk and pre-cautions are essentials. Immunization against polio and typhoid is often recommended. Malaria exists year round particularly in the Northern region. Hepatitis A, B and E are present. Meningococcal meningitis may occur. Plague has been reported in remote areas. One should also be wary of the dangers of Tetanus. There is a high level of HIV/AIDs reported; thus one should take all necessary precautions. Rabies is present and vaccination should be considered.

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

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AGS Frasers: Maputo, Mozambique

Embassy of Mozambique: <http://www.embamoc-usa.org/>

Department of State:

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

Visa HQ.com: <http://mozambique.visahq.com/customs/>

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