



# *Importing Personal Property Into Chad*

## **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. Items can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay in Chad. All documents must be provided to Destination Agent 2 weeks before arrival of the shipment, in order to organize transit formalities and apply for the duty free clearance prior to arrival of the shipment. Once all documents are cleared a “Certificate of Free Entry” will be issued by the head Customs Office.

**Non-Diplomats** are subject to a 2% “taxe statistique” + 20% VAT.

**Sea shipments:** All shipments must go into Douala (Cameroon) port due to recent terrorist operations. Then transit to TOE N’Djamena. Export shipments are subject to security inspections at the Cameroon border Containers (including diplomatic shipments) may be opened.

**Air shipments:** Copies of all documents must be sent via e-mail to Destination Agent 1 week before arrival of the shipment.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - copy, must show last entry stamp
- ✓ Residence Visa/ Work Permit or Letter of Employment from employer in Chad attesting to work contract, include date of hire, position, length of contract and other details as appropriate
- ✓ Certificate of Change of Residence – (certificate de deménagement) obtained from city hall / police station in origin country
- ✓ Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) – must be listed on the BL and manifest & submitted to the Destination Agent after vessel departs from port of loading
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – original, Express Releases not accepted
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – in French, all electronics, computers etc must state make, model & serial numbers on the inventory, dated & signed by owner
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓ Letter of Transfer - from employer
- ✓ “Attestation Reservation de cale”
- ✓ Non Sale Certificate – attesting that goods are for personal use and will not be sold, dated and signed by client

#### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory – all high-tech equipment, computers, electronics, stereos etc must state make model & serial number

- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

## RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Computers – subject to import tax and duty
- ✓ Firearms – require a license to carry otherwise prohibited
- ✓ Electronics/appliances – less than 6 months old require invoices/receipts; subject to tax and duty
- ✓ Furniture – subject to tax and duty
- ✓ Alcohol – allowed 19 bottles, duty free; should be sent separately and stated as “fond de cave”
- ✓ Tobacco –

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography, obscene media of any kind and subversive/defamatory material
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons of any kind without authorization from territorial administration in Chad

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies
- ✓ Health Certificate - attesting to overall health and verifying current vaccinations; written no more than 14 days prior to arrival, by a Veterinarian at origin

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

New vehicles are subject to duty whereas used vehicles are exempt from duty. Import tax depends on value, model, year, cubic centimeters and accessories; approximately 61% of CIF. The OBL must state Chassis Number Engine number, Cubic Capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

NOTE: THE IMPORTATION OF CARS OLDER THAN 3 YEARS IS FORBIDDEN.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓ Import License – new cars only
- ✓ Non Sale Certificate

## NOTES:

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** A visa is required. Proof of yellow vaccination is required if entering from a country with high risk. Visitors and temporary residents must check in with the National Police and obtain a registration stamp with 72 hours of arrival.

In some places you may be taken in for questioning if you don't have your passport with you.. One is advised to travel throughout Chad with a copy of their passport at all times.

**Safety & Security:** Currently the Department State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of traveling to & residing in Chad due to high levels of violent crime, the continuing risk of clashes between Chadian government and rebel forces, and the constant risk of sudden outbreak of conflict among the populations living in these areas. U.S. citizen residing in Chad should exercise extreme caution throughout the

country. Travel to eastern Chad, the Chad/Sudan border area, and the Chad/Central African Republic border area should be avoided. The U.S. Embassy in Chad prohibits official government travel to eastern Chad without authorization. U.S. citizens affiliated with humanitarian relief efforts should review security precautions and consider measures to mitigate exposure to violent crime. Travelers to northern Cameroon should contact the U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Officer in N'Djamena prior to crossing the Chad/Cameroon border because of a high incidence of road attacks there.

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.

**Crime:** Violent crime against expatriates is a growing concern, especially in the eastern parts of the country. Car jacking, burglary, and vehicle thefts increase during times of political instability. Armed robbers target expatriate residences.

**There is no local equivalent to the "911" emergency line in Chad. For emergency assistance, call the embassy emergency after-hours telephone: (235) 6662 2100.**

The U.S. does not have an agreement with Chad requiring notification of the U.S. Embassy your arrest. If you are arrested in Chad, you should use whatever means of communication available to alert the closest U.S. Embassy or consulate of your situation.

**Health:** The risk of contracting Malaria is high throughout the country the Plasmodium falciparum strain; predominant in Chad is resistant to most anti malarial drugs. The CDC recommends mefloquine (Lariam™), doxycycline, or atovaquone/proguanil (Malarone™). Tuberculosis is an increasingly serious health concern in Chad. Meningitis, cholera, diphtheria and typhoid periodically appear and vaccination is recommended. Hepatitis A and E are widespread in the region (especially in the north and east of Chad). Acute jaundice syndrome (AJS) can occur and the Hepatitis E virus has been confirmed. HIV/AIDS is prevalent and has risen sharply in recent years; up to 25% in some areas.

**Special Circumstances:** All photography requires a government permit. Taking photos of military sites, official buildings, and airports is strictly prohibited, even with a permit. Such sites are not always clearly marked. Film and cameras may be confiscated, often by undercover police.

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

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

AGS Frasers: N'Djamena, Chad

Embassy of Chad: <http://chadembassy.us/>

US Embassy in Chad: Avenue Felix Eboue, N'Djamena

Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1086.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1086.html)

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

Antaser Afrique (application for ECTN – <http://www.antaser.com/index.jsp>)

USDA: [www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

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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.**