



# *Importing Personal Property Into Sudan*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

#### **Customs Regulations:**

Used household goods and personal effects are subject to Customs taxes and duties levied by Sudanese Customs, according to their own evaluation of the values and their daily rate. Import taxes are collected for non-diplomats and returning citizens. All shipments are fully inspected. Every box will be opened. Inspection fees as well as several taxes will occur, and will be charged to client or agent (not included in DS rate). The average cost to expect is approximately 250.00USD for these inspection fees and taxes. All copies of documents must be to the Destination Agent 3 weeks in advance of shipment. Due to heavy port congestions, clearance delay is an average of 3 weeks; demurrage must be paid. Inclusion of CD's, DVD's and printers further delays clearance of the shipment.

**Refer to the NOTES section for additional information and requirements regarding living in Sudan.**

**NOTE: Items on the restricted list are having difficulty being cleared through Customs with out being damaged and/or lost. Air shipments are encouraged to reduce loss and damage.**

**Do not send the shipment without prior approval from the Destination Agent.**

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Work Contract – copy, from employer
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – originals (3 sets)
- ✓ Packing List
- ✓ Comprehensive Valued Inventory – in English or Arabic, dated and signed by client, endorsed by Sudanese Embassy at origin
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

#### **Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted duty free entry of their personal effects and household items. All diplomatic shipments are subject to a tax called Queys Dues of 2.75 % of the value declared by the diplomat on the exemption certificate. (Form 1). Yellow copy of the MFA A1 Form must be present at the port of arrival to authenticate original MFA A1. Shipment will be further delayed without these documents. Please make provisions for at least 1 week demurrage.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ MFA A1 Form – obtained from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of client's Diplomatic Mission or UN
- ✓ Passport - copy
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – in English or Arabic, dated and signed by client, endorsed by Sudanese Embassy at origin
- ✓ Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

### **RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- ✓ **All printed matter, books, CD's, DVD's, videos, tapes, film, computer software etc are subject to censorship and possible confiscation. Must be packed separately and loaded near the container door for easy access. Computers and laptops may be taken for additional screening.**
- ✓ Fax machines, color printers, scanners, satellites – require authorization from Ministry of Communications; all printing devices require serial numbers stated on Inventory
- ✓ Firearms - require a an Import Permit from Ministry of Interior, Intelligence Section
- ✓ Appliances, electronics – require invoices for value purposes (including diplomatic shipments)
- ✓ New items
- ✓ Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty,

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Alcohol of any kind is strictly forbidden
- ✓ Pornography and subversive material
- ✓ Gambling equipment, games of chance, playing cards, dice etc
- ✓ Bibles, religious icons and propaganda
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and weapons
- ✓ Plants

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Importation of pets is allowed however one should check with the Embassy of Sudan in Washington D.C. before traveling to Sudan with any animals to verify the ban on animal importation has not been reinstated.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated less 30 days to 11 months prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated no more than 5 days prior to arrival, endorsed by a Veterinarian
- ✓ Permit – obtained from Ministry of Animal Resources

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Only diplomats are allowed to import used vehicles, provided the diplomat's mission provides diplomatic exemption for importation of the vehicle. Registration number, engine and chassis numbers must be on OBL/AWB and inventory.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original,
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – original, for new vehicles (less than 6 months old)
- ✓ OBL
- ✓ Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card) & diplomatic exemption documents

### NOTES:

**Entry & Exit Requirements:** All visitors including diplomats must register at the Ministry of Interior within three days of arrival in Sudan. Only U.S. citizens who also possess a Sudanese national identification document (such as a Sudanese passport or national identification card) may apply for an entry visa at Khartoum International Airport. The Government of Sudan routinely denies visas to travelers whose passports contain visas issued by the Government of Israel or other evidence of travel to Israel, such as exit or entry stamps. Exit visas are required prior to departure. Clients with expired entry

visas or residence permits are regularly refused exit visas, absent a written request from the Sudanese sponsor of the visa. Travel permits issued by the semi-autonomous Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) or by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) are not adequate for entry to the country. All foreigners traveling more than 25 kilometers outside of Khartoum must obtain a travel permit from the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs in Khartoum. Travelers without such a permit risk detention by Sudanese authorities. This applies to all travel, including private, commercial, and humanitarian activities. Travelers must register again with the police within 24 hours of arrival at their destination outside of Khartoum. The government requires a separate travel permit for travel to Darfur. These regulations are strictly enforced and even travelers with proper documentation may expect delays or temporary detention from the security forces, especially outside the capital. Authorities expect travelers to strictly respect roadblocks and other checkpoints.

Travelers, foreign visitors etc who wish to take **any photographs** must obtain a photography permit from the Government of Sudan, Ministry of Interior, Department of Aliens.

**Safety & Security:** Terrorists are known to operate in Sudan and continue to seek opportunities to carry out attacks against U.S. and European interests. Terrorists are known to have targeted both official facilities and residential compounds. Anti-western sentiment is prevalent, and U.S. citizens should exercise utmost caution at all times. The armed Ugandan group known as The Lord's Resistance Army is present along the southern border and reportedly has announced it will target U.S. Citizens. Land mines remain a major hazard in southern Sudan. Travel outside of Khartoum should be undertaken with a minimum of two vehicles

**Health:** Some HIV/AIDS entry restrictions exist for visitors to and foreign residents of Sudan. A negative HIV test result must be presented at a Sudanese embassy or at Khartoum airport in order to obtain a visa. Malaria is prevalent in all areas of Sudan. Visceral leishmaniasis occurs in eastern and southern Sudan. Vaccination is strongly recommended. Hepatitis A, B and E, diphtheria and meningococcal meningitis are also present. The transmission rate of trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) is high, with a significant risk of infection for travellers visiting rural areas in the south of the country

**Special Circumstances:** Major credit cards, including Visa, MasterCard, or American Express, cannot be used in Sudan due to U.S. sanctions. Sudan has no international ATMs. Local ATMs draw on local banks only. U.S. currency issued prior to 1996 is generally not accepted in Sudan. U.S. currency issued in 2001 may not be accepted due to counterfeiting concerns.

Sudan is a conservative society, particularly in the capital and other areas where the Muslim population is the majority. Alcohol is prohibited by law and modest dress is expected. Loose, long-sleeved shirts and full-length skirts or slacks are recommended attire for women visitors. Women who are not Muslim are not expected or required to cover their heads. Men may wear short-sleeved shirts but short pants are not acceptable in public.

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

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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.**