



**UGANDA**



## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS**

### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Original Passport with Entry Stamp
- Packing list in English
- Valued inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Invoice for all new items
- Letter of Employment
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Express Release Bill of Lading / Air Waybill (AWB) – 2 copies
- Work Permit
- Exemption Letter (Diplomats)

#### **Specific Information**

- For all first arrivals by air, shipper's original Passport with Entry Stamp and a Letter of Employment are required.
- Those importing with diplomatic status may only show copies of their passport.
- Special passes are no longer valid for imports.

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Original Log Book / Registration Certificate or Cancellation
- De-registration Certificate for used cars/boats/motorcycles
- Original Invoice for new cars/ boats / motorcycles
- Road Worthiness Certificate or Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate from the origin country
- Original Bill of Lading / Air Way Bill
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Documentation like a vehicle insurance certificate or repair receipts proving ownership and use of vehicle prior to shipment
- Interpol report confirming ownership
- Owner's driving permit from origin country

#### **Specific Information**

- Returning Ugandans and non-Diplomats can import one vehicle. This vehicle must be owned for more than 12 months to qualify for exemption from duties and taxes.
- It is required that the shipper obtain a pre-shipment inspection COC certificate preferably from a company contracted by the Uganda National Bureau of Standards e.g. SGS, Intertek, JEVIC, EAAR, etc.

### **PETS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination Record

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- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Pet Passport
- Import / Export Permit
- Owner's original passport with entry stamp
  - Copies are accepted for Diplomats
- Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Letter from owner authorizing the clearance of the pet

## Specific Information

- Electronic identification (e.g., microchip) is highly recommended.
- Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued by a licensed veterinarian within 15 days of import.
- Documents must accompany pet during transport.
- The Pet Passport must show proof of vaccination against rabies and other disease and is free of diseases than can be communicable to humans
- The rabies vaccination must be done at least 30 days prior to import.
- Certain breeds of dogs are prohibited from entry. Please contact your designated agent in Uganda for details.

## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- The following items may qualify for duty free import within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, tobacco, and snuff not exceeding 250 grams in weight.
  - Spirits including liquor not exceeding 1 liter and wine not exceeding 2 liters.
  - Perfume not exceeding 250 milliliters.
  - Hunting weapons (authorization from the Ministry of Interior is required)
  - Endangered species and products made from them (permission from CITES required)
  - Tax will be paid on goods in excess of allowed quantity

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Narcotics
- Pornography
- Cultural artifacts and objects of cultural importance
- Explosive materials
- Some wildlife species

## CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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### Helpful Website(s):

<http://ugandaemb.org>

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1051.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1051.html)