



BENIN



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Packing list
- Copy of Passport
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) - no Express Release accepted / Air Waybill (2 copies)
- Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaisons (BSC) / Cargo Tracking Note (CTN)
- Original valued inventory in French, dated and signed by the shipper
- Invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Non-sale Certificate
- Diplomatic Exemption Certificate (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- The OBL must clearly indicate the weight in kilograms, the number of items, and also state "personal belongings."
- The weight of the vehicle, if applicable, must be shown separately from weight of the personal effects.
- The BSC must be attached to the OBL.
- If BSC is not available, a penalty of 150 Euro will have to be paid in Benin.
- Resident / Work Permit / or Letter of Employment must explain that client is starting a new contract in Benin.
- The Non-sale Certificate must state that the client will not sell personal effects in Benin.
- Documents must be provided to agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to obtain duty-free clearance.
- All import shipments are subject to Customs inspection.
- Household goods are allowed in Benin duty free if they have been in the owner`s possession for at least 6 months.
- All Diplomat and non-Diplomat shipments are subject to a 3.65% import tax based on the declared value.
- A Diplomatic Exemption Certificate must be obtained before arrival of the goods to avoid storage charges.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Registration Card
- Original Bill of Lading / Freight Invoice
- Non-sale Certificate
- Origin Certificate

Specific Information

- Taxes on car will depend on age, power, etc.
 - Approximately 50% CIF if no exemption
 - 0.15% if diplomatic
 - 5.85% if temporary admission
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

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PETS

Documents Required

- Veterinarian Health Certificate
- Rabies Vaccination Certificate from origin country

Specific Information

- Documents must be received by agent prior to import.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)
- Drugs
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and duty free (maximum 12 bottles)
- Cigarettes (200), cigars (25), cigarillos (100), tobacco (250 g)
- Eau de toilette (500 ml)
- Perfume (250 ml)
- Guns, explosives and ammunition (authorization required)
- Knives and deadly weapons (authorization required)
- Plant and plant products (authorization is required)
- Meat and meat products (authorization is required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Hazardous materials
- Animals and pets
- Asbestos
- Precious metals and stones
- Ivory
- Furs
- Gambling devices
- Counterfeit money and goods
- Pornographic materials

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://www.beninembassy.us>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1066.html#entry_requirements