



GABON – PORT GENTIL



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / no Express Release / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in French dated and signed by the shipper
- Change of Residence Certificate (available from city of departure)
- Invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident Permit / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Non-sale Certificate (declaration that shipper will not sell personal effects in Gabon).
- Bordereau d'identification de Cargaison (BIC), available from the SS Line at departure
- Certificate for Free Entry

Specific Information

- All documents must be provided to the destination agent 2 weeks before arrival of the shipment in order to apply and be granted duty free clearance prior to arrival of the shipment.
- The Certificate for Free Entry must be obtained from the Customs head office; when granted, the shipment is duty free.
- All new items less than 6 months old are subject to taxes.
- All shippers must pay a tax on imported items of approximately 3 to 4% of the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value (RUSID Tax) of the shipment.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Original Registration Card
- Proof of ownership
- Original Certificate of Title and Registration
- Purchase Invoice
- OBL / AWB

Specific Information

- Tax is payable on all shipments of approximately 53.4% of the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value.
- The OBL must identify the chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

PETS

Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

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Specific Information

- Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued less than 3 days before departure by a veterinarian.
- Cats and dogs less than 3 months old are exempt from document requirements.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Alcohol (only “Fond de Cave”) is acceptable and is duty free (20 bottles)
- Some items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200), cigarillos (200), tobacco (250 g)
- Cameras (2)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Counterfeit items
- Pornographic materials
- Plants and plant 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://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1120.html

<http://gabonembassyusa.org/EN/index.html>