



GAMBIA



CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) - no Express Release accepted / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Original detailed inventory in English, dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- Original detailed inventory for any new items bought less than 6 months before import in English, dated, valued and signed by the shipper, with the original invoices
- Invoices for new electrical and hi-fi appliances, if applicable
- Residence Permit / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Non-sale Certificate (must state that the client will not sell personal items)

B. Specific Information

- Used household goods are tax free with the exception of all electrical and hi-fi appliances.
- Most removal shipments are opened and checked by Customs.
- The duties to be paid for any shipment are generally 1.5% of the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value for processing fee + 0.55% ECOWAS tax.
- For diplomatic shipments, the agent must receive required Customs documents prior to the shipment arrival in order to obtain and free entry (applies to household goods and vehicles).

Note: ECOWAS is an acronym denoting the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Economic Community of West African States.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Original Registration Card
- Original Invoice / Letter of Sale (used cars)
- OBL / AWB
- Residence / Work Permit / Letter of Employment
- Non-sale Certificate

Specific Information

- Vehicles are duty free.
- Non-governmental organizations (NGO) must apply to Ministry of Finance for duty waiver
- Processing and ECOWAS fee
- Taxes and duties for new vehicles are as follows:

New Vehicle > 2000 cc

- 35% Revenue tax based on the CIF value
- 18% Duty based on the CIF value
- 10% Sales tax (duty and CIF value)
- 1,5% CIF processing fee
- 0,05% ECOWAS

New Vehicle < 2000 cc

- 18% CIF or D 10000 + 10% sales tax + 1,5% + 0,05% + D1 000 environment tax

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PETS

Documents Required

- Veterinary Health Certificate (authorization by the origin country is required)

Specific Information

- Registration by the Gambian Veterinary Department upon entry into the country is required.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Firearms, explosives and ammunitions (authorization by the Inspector General of Police required)
- Some vegetables, including potatoes, fruit, bulbs, and seeds (authorization required)
- The following items may be imported duty free within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (200), cigars (50), tobacco (500g)
 - Wine (1 liter), beer (1 liter), up to D1000.00 in other goods; contact agent for details

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Unlawful drugs
- Pornography
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Counterfeit money and goods
- Illegal drugs
- Pornographic material
- Radio-communication equipment not approved for use at destination
- Meat, poultry, and many other animal products
- Plants, parts thereof, and plant produce including trees and shrubs

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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