



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 / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper
- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Employment Contract
- Diplomatic Exemption (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- The agent must receive documents at least 15 days prior to arrival of the shipment to allow agent time to apply for a duty exemption on the used household goods.
- The shipper must be present during the clearing process.
- New personal effects are subject to 30% to 80% tax on declared value.
- The Diplomatic Mission will apply for documents on behalf of the shipper with the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and must have copies of the OBL / AWB and packing list to initiate Customs clearance (Diplomats).

MOTOR VEHICLES

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Original Registration Card
- Shipper`s Employment Contract
- Original Purchase Invoice
- OBL

Specific Information

- Taxes on vehicles will depend on age, power, etc. and are approximately 95% to 150% cost, insurance and freight (CIF).
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

PETS

Documents Required

- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Valid Vaccination Record

Specific Information

- Current vaccinations and permission from nearest Embassy are required for the importation of live animals.

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RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Alcohol (subject to taxes)
- One used computer is granted duty free.
- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Pornography
- Explosive materials
- Counterfeit items

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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<http://www.state.gov/p/af/ci/mi>

<http://www.malawiembassy-dc.org>