



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

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

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- Packing list (must include details of all electrical appliances, such as (make, serial number, etc.)
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Telex Release / Air Waybill (AWB)
- Detailed inventory in English, dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- Commercial invoices of the electrical appliances, if available
- Exemption Form (Diplomats)

#### **Specific Information**

- Import taxes are computed at 41% on all personal electrical appliances.
- All shippers must pay a tax of 1.25% cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value on imports.
- The Exemption Form must be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the shipper's Diplomatic Mission in collaboration with shipper's agent (Diplomats).
- For the Telex Release or Express Bill of Lading, an additional 100 USD fee applies.
- It takes approximately 35 to 45 days to obtain the Exemption Form (Diplomats).
- Exemption Form required for Customs clearance to occur (Diplomats).
- Diplomatic sea shipments are an additional 250 USD per shipment for the processing of the Diplomatic duty-free documentation (Diplomats).

### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

#### **Documents Required**

- Copy of Passport
- OBL / AWB
- Original Registration Card
- Original Purchase Invoice
- Residence Permit

#### **Specific Information**

- The registration number must be shown on the OBL or AWB.

### **PETS**

#### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate
- Import Permit / Import Authorization

#### **Specific Information**

- Dogs and cats must be accompanied by the documents required.

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## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Arms and ammunition (authorization from the Ministry of Interior, Intelligence Section, is required)
- Plants (authorization from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is required)
- Pharmaceuticals (authorization from the Ministry of Health is required)
- The following items may qualify for free import within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes (200) and tobacco (250 g) – no age restrictions
- Alcohol (1 q)

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Unlawful drugs
- Pornography

## 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://embassyofsierraleone.net>

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