

**Gabon** *Customs Information*

**Documents Required**

- Copy of valid Passport
- Original Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- Work Permit or letter from Employer explaining that the client is starting employment in Gabon (in French)
- Letter from the Client in French declaring that client will not sell their personal effects in Gabon.
- Original valued inventory in French dated and signed by the customer
- Change of Residence Certificate obtained from origin
- Invoices for all Electrical Items under 6-months old
- BIC (Bordereau d'identification de Cargaison).
  - The BIC is obtained by the client or the freight forwarder by filling in the required CGC (Gabonese Shipping Council) form with cargo details and submitting it to the CGC or its appointed agents.
  - Failure to produce a BIC will result in an immediate penalty levied on the shipping line that has brought in the cargo.
  - The fine is normally 75 - 100% of the value of the cargo in question, and cannot be appealed.
  - If the Destination Agent identifies a container is arriving without a valid BIC number they may refuse to discharge it in Gabon.

**Motor Vehicles**

- ✓ Original Registration Document/Title
- ✓ Copy of valid Passport
- ✓ Ocean Bill of Lading
- ✓ Purchase Invoice of the vehicle
- ✓ Insurance Certificate
- ✓ Letter from the Client in French declaring that client will not sell the vehicle in Gabon.

**Dutiable / Restricted Items**

- All electrical items and furniture must be more than six months old.
- All items less than 6-months old are subject to duties and taxes and invoices are required to support the value.
- Personal computers should not be included in household goods shipment and brought as hand luggage. They are subject to taxes and duties.
- Firearms and ammunition must be licensed by the Government of Gabon before the shipment leaves origin.

**Prohibited Items**

- Drugs
- Alcoholic and other spirits. Only the mention of "fond de cave" (max 20 bottles) is acceptable.