

Kenya	Customs Information - Kenya Provided by Sdv Transami Kenya Ltd for "Foreign Citizen" (First Time Arrivals)
	<p>Take note that Returning Residents used to be covered under paragraph (4) of Item 8 while First Arrival Privilege (<i>Foreign Citizens</i>) were covered under paragraph (3) of the same Item 8 of Part B of the Third Schedule to The Customs and Excise Act, (cap 472 Laws of Kenya). However, under the East African Community Customs Management Act (EACCMA), these two are combined under paragraph (3) of Item 5 of Part B of the Fifth Schedule to The EAC CMA; respective conditions remain the same.</p>
<p>Household Effects</p>	<p>Documents Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Original Passport (If issued within the last 2 years the old Passport is also required) with Entry Permit/stamp endorsed therein and entry stamp into Kenya ➤ Original Entry Permit (Work Permit). ➤ Valued Inventory for Customs, All Electrical Items giving Make, Model and Serial No and whether New or Used and which item they are on the packing inventory must be indicated along with any new items with value and which item they are on the packing inventory. The value for the rest of the shipment can be given as a single total value. ➤ Numbered Packing List. ➤ Customs Declaration of Unaccompanied Baggage (Provided by SDV Transami), dully signed by consignee. ➤ 2 Endorsed Original Bills of Lading or Air Way Bill. ➤ Non-negotiable Bill of Lading ➤ Original Copy Kenyan Income Tax Pin Certificate ➤ Invoices of Electrical Items to prove goods have been owned for 6 months or more <p>If shipment is in wife's name – the above documentation will be required with the exception of the husband's PIN Certificate plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wife's passport and if this is less than 2 years the old passport will also be required ➤ Original of dependant's pass ➤ Original Copy of wife's Kenyan Income Tax Pin Certificate <p>Customs Regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client must be present in the Country during the clearance process ▪ as the original passport is required. ▪ Goods must be used to qualify for Duty Free status. If new, Duty will be charged at the current rates. ▪ Computers are not dutiable or vatable but are subject to a Govt of Kenya Processing fee of 2.25% of the CIF value, minimum KES5000.00 ▪ Goods are subject to 100% Customs Verification. If at the time of verification any new items are discovered that were declared as used a penalty fee together with duty and VAT will be applied. ▪ Client must list the new items ▪ Goods must arrive within 90 days of issuance of work permit or 90 days from clients arrival if the work permit was issued before client's arrival.
<p>Dutiable and Restricted Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All New Items (except under Diplomatic Status). Customs generally assess any item in original packing as a New Item and will require a receipt to prove ownership of more than 6 months prior to departure ➤ Wines and Spirits (except under Diplomatic Status) Do not include wines and spirits in the shipment as this will only cause delays and problems with the clearance of the consignment and will result in container demurrage and port storage ➤ Motor Vehicles (refer to data below) ➤ Fabrics in the piece ➤ Aircraft and Vessels of all kinds ➤ Trade Goods or goods for sale or disposed to other persons ➤ Used Machinery ➤ Boats and windsurfers ➤ Any other items which have not been in the possession of the importer in his former place of residence
<p>Prohibited Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Left hand drive vehicles ➤ Any vehicle that is 8 years or more (from the year of first registration) at the time of import ➤ Toy or replica guns, cigarette lighters in the shape of guns or grenades etc ➤ Political Literature ➤ Pornographic Material ➤ Narcotics ➤ Plants (Unless a permit is obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture based on Phytosanitary Certificates from authorities at origin that plants are free from disease). This permit must be obtained prior to shipment. Failure to obtain the permit will result in destruction of the items at the Expense of the importer. ➤ Firearms and Ammunition. Prior to shipment consignee must apply for an Import Permit from the Firearms Bureau in Nairobi. On arrival of consignment all firearms and ammunition is to be handed over to Kenya Police/Firearms until a license is obtained. No firearm should be shipped without the necessary permit. SDV Transami Kenya Ltd must be notified in advance so that we can notify the authorities accordingly. ➤ Endangered species and birds – unless a permit is obtained from Kenya Wild Life Services prior to import

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Motor Vehicles

Used vehicles originating from The United Arab Emirates, Japan, Singapore, UK and South Africa must be inspected by Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) appointed inspecting bodies prior to despatch. All other used vehicles will be inspected on arrival in Kenya. **If they fail the inspection the consignee will be given the opportunity of rectifying the fault or the vehicle will be sent back to origin or destroyed at consignee's expense.**

For vehicles originating from the 5 countries listed above, the owner must contact the relevant inspecting body to arrange for the inspection in country of origin as follows:

United Arab Emirates:

Cars Auto Appraisal Center (CAAC)
 Left Hand Drive Used Car Market (Next to DUCAMZ)
 Al Aweer, Dubai
 PO Box 5239 Dubai, UAE
 Tel/Fax: 04-333 1274/04-333 0081
 e-mail: caac@emirates.net.ae

Japan:

Japan Export Vehicle Inspection Centre Co Ltd (JEVIC)
 4 Daikoku-Futo
 Tsurumi-ku
 Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref
 Japan 230 0054
 Tel: +81 45 521-8527, Fax: +81 45 521-8510
 e-mail: info@jevic.co.jp

Singapore:

Jevic SG Pte Ltd
 317 Outram Road
 No 02-34 Holiday Inn Shopping Centre
 Singapore 169075
 Tel: +65 673 48239
 Fax: +65 673 48236
 e-mail: info@jevic.com.sg

UK:

Jevic UK Ltd
 Unit F West Quay Industrial Estate
 West Quay Road
 Southampton, Hampshire SO15 1GZ
 United Kingdom
 Tel: 023 8071 2774
 Fax: 023 8063 5236
 e-mail: info@jevic.co.uk

South Africa:

AVECS CC
 165 Williams Road, Congella
 Durban, South Africa 4001
 Tel: +27 31 305 3247
 Fax: +27 31 305 3250
 e-mail: inspections@avecs.co.za

- **The Certificate of Road Worthiness must be received by us prior to arrival of the vehicle in Kenya for any vehicle originating from the above 5 countries. If any used vehicle from Japan, Singapore, UAE, UK and South Africa is not inspected at origin the vehicle will have to be inspected in Kenya and a penalty fee of 15% of the customs assessed value paid.**
- Further information or updates regarding pre-shipment inspection can be obtained from the Kenya Bureau of Standards Website www.kenyapovc.com.
- **We anticipate that the registration process in Kenya for vehicles inspected at origin will lead to delays in clearance and this will inevitably lead to port storage and demurrage.**

Documents Required:

- Original Passport with the Entry Permit/stamp endorsed therein. If this was issued in the last 2 years we will also require the old passport. If the old passport cannot be produced customs may not allow the vehicle to be cleared duty free.
 - Original Entry Permit (Work Permit) must be valid for 2 years
 - Original Log Book / Car Identity Documents with full details relating to vehicle. If not in English a translation of the same approved by relevant Embassy/High Commission will be required
 - Letter of valuation from the local dealer giving the price of an equivalent new model
 - 2 Endorsed Original Bills of Lading or Air Way Bill – must indicate engine and chassis Nos, make, model and engine c.c., year of registration and seating capacity
 - Non-Negotiable copy Bill of Lading
 - Copy Kenyan Income Tax Pin Certificate
 - Certificate of Roadworthiness for vehicles from UK, Japan, UAE, Singapore and South Africa that must be inspected at Origin
 - Kenya Bureau of Standards processing fee of KES15,000.00 for vehicles from other origins
 - Ministry of Public Works Inspection fee – KES2000.00 for vehicles from other origins
 - Number plate fee of KES2000.00
 - Registration Fees – vary according to the CC of the vehicle
- If Vehicle was purchased on an Hire Purchase scheme original copies of all relevant documentation will be required ie Original Agreement, copies of Bank Statements – Note payment schedule must have been completed prior to arrival of the vehicle back in Kenya and Interpol Report for vehicles originating from Sub-Sahara countries
 - If car is in wife's name – the above documentation will be required with the exception of the husband's PIN Certificate plus
 - Wife's passport and if this is less than 2 years the old passport will also be required
 - Original dependant's pass
 - Copy of wife's Kenyan Income Tax Pin Certificate

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Regulations:

- All used or second hand motor vehicles shall be less than eight (8) years old from the year of first registration at the time of import. Effective 1st January 2010 only vehicles with Year of first registration (YOR) of 2003 and above will be allowed for importation provided the vehicle meets other requirements as specified in KS1515:2000.
- All Imported vehicles shall be of Right Hand Drive
- To qualify for duty-free status vehicle must have been owned and registered in consignee's name for more than 365 days prior to shipment and owned and registered in consignee's name for more than 365 days prior to departure of the consignee from former country of residence.
- Vehicle must arrive within 90 days from the date the consignee is granted Work Permit to reside/work in Kenya or 90 days from consignee's arrival if the work permit was issued before the arrival of the consignee.
- Only one vehicle per person over 18 years can qualify under Duty-Free Status.
- Used vehicles from The United Arab Emirates, Japan, Singapore, UK and South Africa must be inspected at origin by the Govt of Kenya appointed Inspecting Agent and a Certificate of Conformity/Road Worthiness issued. If this is not done at origin – client will have to pay a penalty fee of 15% of the CIF Value given by customs, plus demurrage and port charges as a result of delayed clearance. Inspection Fee of approx USD163.00 is payable at origin. Vehicles from other countries will be inspected by Ministry of Public Works in Kenya and a Certificate of Road Worthiness issued by Kenya Bureau of Standards. The fees for this are KES2000.00 and KES15,000.00 respectively. If they fail the inspection the consignee will be given the opportunity of rectifying the fault or the vehicle will be sent back to origin or destroyed at consignee's expense.
- Consignee must have attained (18) years of age.
- Client must be present in Kenya during the clearance process as the original passport is required for the duration of the clearance
- Bull bars that were not part of the original specification and fitted after purchase are illegal and must be removed prior to export to Kenya
- Vehicle must have a seating capacity of less than 9

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS MUST BE RECHECKED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO ENSURE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO AMENDMENTS IN THE MEANTIME.

Registration:

VEHICLES ORIGINATING IN UK, SOUTH AFRICA, SINGAPORE, UAE AND JAPAN THAT HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND A CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS ISSUED AT ORIGIN

- Vehicles cannot be removed from port until they are registered. As a result there will be always be port storage and in some cases container demurrage. Kenya Ports Authority will only permit 5 days free from the discharge of the vessel for clearance at Mombasa/arrival at ICD. We strongly recommend that vehicles are not loaded in the same container as household effects. If both are shipped in the same container the documents for household effects must be processed first before the processing of the documents for the vehicle leading to even more delays in clearance.

Documents required for registration:

1. Original Passport
2. Original copy of Original Bill of Lading or original non-negotiable copy bill of lading
3. Original copy of the Customs entry
4. Copy of Income Tax PIN Certificate
5. Kenyan Insurance Certificate (original counterfoil)
6. Application for Registration of Vehicle
7. Certificate of Road Worthiness from JEVIC
8. Interpol Certificate (for vehicles originating from Sub Saharan countries)
9. Original Registration documents (for used vehicles)
10. Copy or Original of Customs Release Order
11. Original copy of Mombasa Port Release Order (if cleared through a CFS in Mombasa) or Pick Up Order (if cleared at Mombasa Port/ICD)
12. Receipt for payment of registration fees
13. KES2000.00 Number plate Fee receipt
14. Duty Receipts and IDF Receipt (for non-duty free vehicles)
15. Original Copy Import Declaration Form (for non Duty Free Vehicles)

VEHICLES ORIGINATING FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN UK, SOUTH AFRICA, SINGAPORE, UAE AND JAPAN.

- Vehicles cannot be registered until The KEBS inspection fee of KES15,000.00 and the Ministry of Public Works Inspection fee of KES2,000.00 have been paid, the vehicle inspected by the Ministry of Public Works and the Certificate of Road Worthiness issued by Kenya Bureau of Standards.

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- In such circumstances Customs will give authority for the vehicle to be cleared and sent for inspection at Ministry of Public Works in either Mombasa or Nairobi.
- Once the vehicle has been inspected, the Inspection Report from Ministry of Public Works sent to KEBS and the Certificate of Road Worthiness issued by KEBS the vehicle can be registered.

Documents required for registration:

1. Original Passport
2. Original copy of Original Bill of Lading or original non-negotiable copy bill of lading
3. Original copy of the Customs entry
4. Copy of Income Tax PIN Certificate
5. Kenyan Insurance Certificate (original counterfoil)
6. Application for Registration of Vehicle
7. Certificate of Road Worthiness from JEVIC for vehicles from South Africa, UAE, UK, Singapore and Japan or from Kenya Bureau of Standards for vehicles From other countries
8. Interpol Certificate (for vehicles originating from Sub Saharan countries applicable)
9. Original Registration documents (for used vehicles)
10. Copy or Original of Customs Release Order
11. Original copy of Mombasa Port Release Order (if cleared through a CFS in Mombasa) or Pick Up Order (if cleared at Mombasa Port/ICD)
12. Receipt for payment of registration fees
13. KES15000.00 Kenya Bureau of Standards Processing Fee if vehicle from country other than South Africa, UAE, UK, Singapore and Japan
14. KES2000.00 Ministry of Public Works Receipt if vehicle from country other than South Africa, UAE, UK, Singapore and Japan
15. KES2000.00 Number plate Fee receipt
16. Duty Receipts and IDF Receipt (for non-duty free vehicles)
17. Original Copy Import Declaration Form (for non Duty Free Vehicles)

Pets

Conditions For Importing Dogs and Cats into Kenya:

- No canine or feline animal shall be imported into Kenya from any country unless accompanied by an international veterinary certificate attesting that the animal:
 - showed no clinical sign of rabies on the day of shipment
 - was kept since birth or for the 6 months prior to shipment in a rabies free country as defined in the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code or satisfy the following stipulations. **(Note if the Pet originates from a Rabies Free Country, the owner must obtain a letter from the relevant authority (not their vet) confirming that the country is rabies free. Kenyan authorities may refuse entry of the pet if this is not done)**
 - showed no clinical sign of rabies within 48 hours of shipment **AND EITHER**
 - were identified by a permanent mark (such as a microchip) and their identification number shall be stated in the certificate or had any other adequate identification; and
 - were vaccinated against rabies:
 - a) not less than 6 months and not more than one year prior to shipment in the case of a primary vaccination, which should have been carried out when the animals were at least 3 months old
 - b) not more than one year prior to shipment in the case of a booster vaccination
 - c) with an inactivated virus vaccine or with a recombinant vaccine expressing the rabies virus glycoprotein: and
 - d) were subjected not less than 3 months and not more than 24 months prior to shipment to an antibody test as prescribed in the OIE Terrestrial Manual with a positive result equivalent to at least 0.5 IU/ml:

OR

- Have not been vaccinated against rabies or do not meet all the conditions set out in points ii. lii and iv above; in such cases the Kenya Authorities may require the placing of the animals in a quarantine station located in the country for up to six months at the cost of the owner of the animal.
- is clinically free of symptoms of any other contagious and infectious disease and internal and external parasites, the certificate being dated not more than 48 hours before embarkation:
 - The animal shall be accompanied by a certificate from the captain of the ship or aircraft or driver of a vessel in which the animal traveled to Kenya certifying that the animal has not left the vessel between the place of embarkation and the place of entry into Kenya, and has been isolated from all other canine and feline animals throughout the journey.
 - The import permit shall be valid for a maximum of 30 days and shall only be for one consignment

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<i>Pets (continuation)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The import permit shall accompany the animal during importation ▪ Animals entering Kenya should travel as Manifest Cargo and use the Freight Compartment of the aircraft. They should not travel as baggage-cargo or in passenger cabins. <p>For further information/clarification contact Director, Department of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Livestock Development on e-mail director@dvs kabete.go.ke or cyfokabete@yahoo.com</p> <p>Dogs and cats are Exempt from VAT but are dutiable at 20% of the CIF Value of the pet Minimum of KES7500.00 for dogs and KES3500.00 for cats.</p> <p>There are strict controls regarding the import of birds and animals under the Cites Register - further information available upon request.</p>
	<p>The preceding information is a brief summary of current customs regulations applicable to household and personal effects to this destination and is being provided for general guidance to assist our agents and customers.</p> <p>Responsibility for obtaining detailed customs regulations as they apply to particular shipments rests with the shipper. Such regulations are subject to change without notice, SDV Transami cannot be held liable for any costs, damages, delays or other detrimental events resulting for non-compliance.</p> <p>Further information may be found on the Kenya Revenue Website www.kra.go.ke and Kenya Bureau of Standards Websites www.kebs.org/www.kenyapovc.com</p>