

South Africa *Customs Information*

Customs Regulations

Household goods and personal effects can be imported into South Africa duty-free based upon the following requirements:

- Customers must arrive in South Africa at least 10 days before the shipment arrives to attend to customs clearance formalities.
- All household goods and personal effect shipments will be inspected by Customs Authorities – no restricted or prohibited items should be included in the shipments.
- Temporary residents must have owned the household goods and personal effects for at least one-year prior to import and must be in possession of a temporary Work Permit that is valid for more than 6 months.
- Returning residents must have been out of South Africa for a continuous period of at least six months to qualify for duty-free import and have a work permit that is valid for more than six months.
- Duty-free importation of household goods and personal effects for foreign diplomats is permitted with a detailed inventory/packing list and a diplomatic clearance certificate completed and signed by Embassy/Consulate in South Africa and countersigned by the Department of Foreign Affairs.
- Wharfage, terminal, examination fee, etc. are payable by owner of the goods on all shipments at destination and are additional to door-to-door charges.

Documents Required

- Original Passport or certified copy of every page
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Work Permit (temporary Work Permit for temporary residents)
- ✓ Customs Forms D.A.304 and P1.160 (in triplicate) must be presented to the Department of Customs
- ✓ Settler's Declaration Forms (in triplicate) to be completed upon arrival
- ✓ Letter from employer verifying that customer is moving to South Africa on contract
- ✓ Detailed Inventory, in English ("PBO" - packed by owner and "misc." - miscellaneous not acceptable)
- ✓ Keys for any locked items
- Weights and measures must be consistent on all shipping documents
- All necessary documents must be in Destination Agent's possession at least 7 days before arrival of the vessel

Motor Vehicles

▪ Vehicle with wheels is subject to strict guidelines regardless of whether it has an engine or will be used on public roads or not. This includes cars, motor cycles, caravans, and trailers. No left-hand drive vehicles new or used purchased after January 1, 2000 are allowed to be imported into South Africa.

A. IMMIGRANTS

- To South Africa are permitted to import one vehicle per family duty-free provided it has been owned and used for at least one year. VAT/Sales Tax of 14% of the value will be levied. The vehicle cannot be sold or disposed of for 2-years after import. The following documents are required:
- Import Permit must be obtained from the South African Embassy in country of origin or from the Department of Home Affairs in South Africa
- Letter of Authority from the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications www.nrccs.org.za
- Import Permit from the International Trade Administration www.ITAC.org.za
- Original Passport

B. RETURNING RESIDENTS

- Returning to South Africa are permitted to import a vehicle provided it has been owned and used for a minimum period of 12 months prior to export from origin and the owner of the auto has been out of South Africa for a minimum unbroken period of 12 months. Full duties and taxes apply unless owner can prove that when they originally left South Africa they had no intention of ever returning. The following documents are required:
 - ✓ Letter of Authority from the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications www.nrccs.org.za
 - ✓ Import Permit from the International Trade Administration www.ITAC.org.za

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Motor Vehicles <i>(continuation)</i>	<p>C. TEMPORARY RESIDENT Residents may import a vehicle provided that they make a payment covering full duties and taxes that is lodged with South African Customs. The payment is refundable at time of export from South Africa . The following documents are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Letter of Authority from the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications www.nrccs.org.za ✓ Import Permit from the International Trade Administration www.ITAC.org.za <p>D. FOREIGN DIPLOMATS Are permitted to import a vehicle into South Africa duty free provided they have the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Diplomatic Certificate required ✓ Original Purchase Invoice ✓ Original Registration Certificate ✓ Forms D.A. 304A and P1.160 (in triplicate) ✓ Passport ✓ Import Permit from the International Trade Administration www.ITAC.org.za ✓ Temporary License
Pets	<p>Customers may import pets into South Africa. Quarantine may be required and the following documents must be submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Import Permit and Veterinary Certificate required ✓ Rabies vaccination 30 days prior to departure
Dutiable / Restricted Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Perfume and tobacco products ➤ New items, including new furniture, are subject to duties and taxes ➤ Alcohol is dutiable and taxable ➤ Import Permit and special Removal Certificate required ➤ Must be easily accessible in container ➤ A list of the quantity and value must be provided ➤ Firearms require an Import Permit, Form SAP311, D.A.304 and P1.160 in triplicate. There is no guarantee that the Import Permit will be granted by the authorities. Therefore, customers must obtain the Import Permit prior to their move to prevent the possibility of the entire shipment being denied entry into South Africa. ➤ A SAP312 will be issued by Customs allowing the importer 60 days to officially license the firearm with the South African police ➤ Subject to 100% inspection and therefore must be easily accessible in the container ➤ Inherited goods may be imported duty-free provided the inheritor is in possession of a certified copy of the Last Will and Testament and a copy of the Death Certificate wherein the specific items are bequeathed ➤ An Import Permit is also required ➤ Antiques (Import Permit and Antique Dealers Certificate is required)
Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Drugs and narcotics ➤ Pornographic or objectionable materials ➤ Plants, seeds, bulbs, raw cotton ➤ Uncooked meat/poultry ➤ Honey, beeswax, bees and their larvae or eggs, used beehive appliances ➤ Uncut diamonds ➤ Unwrought gold ➤ Ammunition