

**Zimbabwe**

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Removal Goods</b>	<p>1. <i>Immigrants or returning residents after an absence of not less than 2 years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The immigrant's Declaration</li> <li>➤ Undertaking Form 170 for personal and household effects.</li> <li>➤ The person's valid passport.</li> <li>➤ Residence or Work Permit.</li> <li>➤ The Bill of Lading or AWB.</li> <li>➤ Inventory with serial numbers of electrical appliances.</li> </ul> <p>2. <i>Returning residents after an absence of less than two years.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Immigrant's Declaration.</li> <li>➤ Undertaking Form.</li> <li>➤ Proof of original export.</li> <li>➤ If any other imported goods were acquired after emigrating then application for duty has to be made.</li> <li>➤ Inventory.</li> </ul> <p>3. <i>Deceased estates - Goods forwarded to Beneficiaries in Zimbabwe.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Certified copy of will.</li> <li>➤ Statement of value of goods by the executor of the estate.</li> <li>➤ Written undertaking not to sell or dispose of the goods within one year of importation.</li> <li>➤ Copy of Death Certificate.</li> <li>➤ Inventory.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Personal effects include:</b>          Clothing used personal objects and furniture, including tools, farm and gardening implements, small workshop equipment or similar articles.</p> <p><b>They exclude:</b>          Firearms, motor vehicles, motor caravans, except in certain cases.</p> <p>They may be imported duty-free as well as a car radio, which is also considered as a "personal effect".</p> <p>Duty required for office equipment e.g. computers, photocopies, typewriters, cash registers, telex and telefax machines. Duty is assessed according to value.</p> <p>One personal computer may be imported duty free under Immigrants rebate.</p> <p><b>Value Added Tax (VAT) on all services provided on inbound shipment is applicable as from 1/01/2004.</b></p>	All customs documents for private persons (new immigrants and returning residents) will be lodged with the Department of Customs & Excise by the individuals personally.
<b>Diplomats' Removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diplomatic card or letter of Identity from Embassy/Organisation.</li> </ul>	All documents, duly completed and signed by the diplomat must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for final clearance with Customs & Excise.	
<b>Wedding Trousseaux</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Require invoices and freight charges.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accompanied luggage:</b>          Customs will assess the value of presents/souvenirs and if value exceeds Z\$2,000 per individual per year, duty is payable on the excess amount.</p> <p><b>Unaccompanied luggage:</b>          Customs will need proof that consignment is owned by the declaring, or customs will charge import duty on full value.</p>	
<b>Inheritance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Copy of Will.</li> <li>➤ Death Certificate.</li> <li>➤ Letter from Executor.</li> </ul>	No duty payable	
<b>New Furniture &amp; Household Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Require invoices and freight charges.</li> </ul>	Subject to duty.	Not applicable for new immigrants.
<b>Works of Art, Antiques</b>	See Removal Goods.	Same as above.	
<b>Precious metal objects</b>		For personal jewellery, customs duty may be required to be deposited.	

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<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	For immigrants or returning residents after an absence of not less than two years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Form 171 (MV) for motor vehicles.</li> <li>➢ Immigrant's declaration.</li> <li>➢ Passport.</li> <li>➢ Residence permit/Work permit.</li> <li>➢ New vehicles other than above require invoice, registration document and freight costs.</li> </ul>	Each member of the family over the age of 18 years can import a motor vehicle free of duty and tax, provided the importer before his entry into Zimbabwe purchased the vehicle. Where the vehicle has been recently acquired all relevant documentation including invoices, bank cheques and statements, etc. will have to be produced to the Customs.  A returning resident absent for less than 2 years will not ordinarily be allowed duty free importation but there is provision for consideration by Customs which will depend on the circumstances.  Bank approval is required and duty is assessed on motor vehicles.	Motor vehicles or household goods may not be disposed of in any way within 12 months of customs clearance without the prior approval of the Controller of Customs.  No individual immigrant may import, as personal and household effects, more than one motor vehicle of any sort, and no family of immigrants may import more than two motor vehicles of any sort, one cannot afford to wait until one has been in Zimbabwe for some time before deciding what one would like to buy and import. It is very important to note that one will have to pay the customs duty and import tax in respect of any such goods one may acquire from outside Zimbabwe subsequent to one's time of arrival.  This duty can be high and if one plans to order goods, one should first check with the Department of Customs and Excise to find out how much will have to be paid.
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>		Persons visiting Zimbabwe and Zimbabwean residents returning to their country, aged at least 18 years, may import a maximum of 5 litres of alcoholic drink, of which not more than 2 litres may be spirits.	
<b>Pets</b>		Are subject to import control. Applications for licence should be made in the case of animals to the Director of Veterinary Services.	
<b>Dangerous Goods</b>		Are subject to import control. Applications should be made in the case of firearms and ammunitions to the Secretary of Home Affairs.	
<b>Citrus Fruits, Deciduous Plants, Seeds</b>		May not be imported unless an import licence has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural authorities.	
<b>Drugs, Pornographic Books, Forged Documents, Counterfeit Money</b>		Importation is prohibited.	