

BURKINA FASO

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Household Goods/PE

Documents Required

- Information form
- Copy of passport
- Detailed, dated, valued, and signed inventory.
- Signed copy of the Washington Convention form.
- Letter confirming employment in Burkina Faso
- Move certificate from origin country city hall.
- Limitation of liability
- BESC/ECTN
- BL or SWB with mention of the BESC/ECTN number
- Sea freight invoice
- Packing List

Customs Prescriptions

- Diplomats:
- Diplomats must apply for diplomatic exemption at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Burkina Faso as soon as the shipment arrives in the country and that customs provide the SOMMIER.
- The client must sign the application form with the details provided by the mover and transfer the application to the MFA or to the employer who will sign it and return it to back to the moving company in charge. This process might take 1 up to 30 days.

Remarks

- All personal effects imported into Burkina Faso are subject to UEMOA tax: 1.3% of CIF value.
- The client must be present in Burkina Faso when the goods arrive in the country (Contact your moving agent for more information).
- Approximate timeframes (for all categories of shippers):
- Sea freight: 7-16 days from Terminal Ouagadougou to residence Ouagadougou
- Air freight: 7 days from Airport Ouagadougou to residence Ouagadougou
- Extra fees estimated:
- The first 10 days are free of charge for sea consignments and 7 days free for air consignment.
- For airfreight, the fees will then be calculated according to the weight.
- For containers, demurrage fees will be CFA 75 000 per day, calculated from the 10th day. Fees are for the client's account (this also applies to diplomats).
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- (value of inventory + freight + insurance)