

This guide is compiled from the FIDI Customs Guide for reference only. Customs regulations change frequently; please consult your Seapoe relocation consultant for the latest requirements before shipping.

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Household Goods

Documents Required

- Copies of ID / Passport.
- Detailed inventory for attestation
- Declared value for customs
- Copy Work and Residence permits or Exemption Certificate
- Letter of End of Contract (for non-diplomatic staff)

Customs Prescriptions

- Personal effects, household furniture including equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of the person, other than Industrial, Commercial or Agricultural Plant excluding Motor vehicles.
- The bona Fide property of a natural person and members of his family, imported for his own use on change of residence to any other country for the purpose of taking up employment or for the permanent settlement.

Remarks

- A list of effects showing approximate values.
- A residence and work permit are required.
- Letter of end of contract.

Boats

Documents Required

- Export Permit issued by the Department of Water Affairs.
- Postal address at origin and destination

Customs Prescriptions

- No boat, mokoro or aquatic apparatus may be exported out of Botswana unless the owner is in possession of an export Permit.

Domestic Pets

Documents Required

- A valid certificate of identity.
- Rabies vaccination valid
- Movement permit.
- Postal address at origin and destination
- Micro chipped certification

Seeds, bulbs, plants, trees (...)

Documents Required

- Plant Health Certificate from Ministry of Agriculture
- Postal address at origin and destination
- List of plants with values

Customs Prescriptions

- These may be imported subject to plant health restrictions.
- They can only be exported after getting clearance from the destination country.

Remarks

- South African transit permits may also be required in respect of plants, etc., shipped through South Africa.

Firearms/Ammunitions

Documents Required

- Export permit issued by commissioner of Police.

Customs Prescriptions

- The exportation of firearms which do not have the manufacturers serial number or other number by which they can be identified, stamped or engraved on a metal part of the weapon, is totally prohibited.

Special concessions for technical assistance personnel assigned to other countries by Government of Botswana

Documents Required

- N/A

Prohibited Goods

Customs Prescriptions

- The importation and exportation of the following goods in Botswana is completely prohibited :
- Narcotic, habit-forming drugs and related substances in any form.
- Military firearms, ammunition and explosives.
- Indecent and obscene material such as pornographic books, magazines, films, videos, DVDs and software.
- Semi-precious stones such as agate, amethyst, Botswana pink, jade, rose quartz, carnelian, chalcedony, crystal quartz, tourmaline, jasper, tanzanite, garnet, moss agate, tiger's eye.
- Diamonds not allowed for exportation.
- Items derived or manufactured from protected wildlife species (e.g., ivory, trophies...).

Remarks

- It is important to note that possession of prohibited goods is illegal and may result in seizure of such goods and prosecution of the person importing or exporting such goods.