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Household Goods/PE

Documents Required

- Non-Diplomatic (expat, retirees, home buyers, investors...)
- Copy of the ID page of the passport.
- Copy of the entrance stamp.
- NIF – Capeverdean Tax number – client might ask his employer to have it issued on his behalf if he is in the country yet
- Valued inventory in Portuguese and stated in CVE or Euros as well as invoices for every new item (purchased in the last 6 months).
- Mission Letter (employment declaration in Portuguese) or Certification of employment or BO (Boletim Oficial)
- Original car documents (if applicable). Please be advised that local DMV requires presentation of original car documents or purchase invoice in case on brand new car for importation clearance.
- Certificate of change of residence issued by the CV Embassy at origin country.
- If the client bought a property in CV, add the proof of ownership – escritura and proof of payment of IUP tax.
- Expats might need to issue a bank guarantee for a temporary import duration of their permanence in the country (all items must be reexported by the end of his/her mission). The exact amount is to be informed by Customs broker later on the process (after value of goods and transport is known).
- For definitive imports (client pays all import duties, taxes and fees) that might amount to 150% of the CIF Value with a supplementary 20% in case of any item deemed to need an especial licensing.
- Returning Citizen
- Your contact information and full address in Praia.
- Copy of your passport, identification page and entry stamp.
- Cape Verde Taxpayer Identification Number (NIF).
- Original valued inventory (€ or CVE) in Portuguese, dated and signed and certified by the CV Embassy at origin country.
- Certificado de regresso definitivo (issued at CV Embassy at origin country) – must mention the time permanence abroad, including value inventory and/or invoices for new purchases.
- Mission statement or employer's statement or Official Bulletin (BOBoletim Oficial).
- Original vehicle documents or purchase invoice if the vehicle has not been put into circulation in the country of origin (if applicable).
- Other documentation might be required during the process.
- Diplomats
- Copy of the ID page of the passport
- Copy of the entrance stamp
- NIF – Cape Verdean Tax number – Embassy may have it issued on your behalf.

- Valued inventory in Portuguese and stated in CVE or Euros as well as invoices for every new item (purchased in the last 6 months)
- Mission Letter (employment declaration in Portuguese) or Certification of employment or BO (Boletim Oficial for returning diplomats).
- Diplomatic franchise – we provide a template to submit to the MOFA CV.
- Original car documents. Local DMV requires presentation of original car documents or purchase invoice in case on brand new car for importation clearance.

Customs Prescriptions

- Diplomatic shipments are duty-free during the entire period spent in Cape Verde.

Prohibited items

Customs Prescriptions

- Drugs, narcotics, weapons and explosives

Remarks

- Alcohol and tobacco are permitted in reasonable quantities and only for personal use.