

DJIBOUTI

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/PE

Documents Required

- Used Personal Effects
- Copy of passport
- Detailed inventory, dated and signed, valued in EUR/USD
- New Personal Effects
- Copy of passport
- Detailed inventory, dated and signed, valued in EUR/USD
- Original invoices less than six months old showing the destination address
- New personal effects form
- Tax-refund request form dated and signed
- Private Individuals
- In addition to the documents requested above, private individuals will have to submit:
- Certificate of change of residence
- Certification concerning prohibited and dangerous objects or items
- Military Personnel
- In addition to the documents requested above, members will be required to submit:
- Transfer letter
- Certification concerning prohibited and dangerous items.
- CTN Form
- Note that CTN form is compulsory for every incoming shipment to Djibouti.
- Any failure for CTN application will result in a customs fine that you will have to pay prior delivery.

Customs Prescriptions

- Important: local customs are inspecting imported shipments.
- The inventory must show a destination address.
- For new personal effects, the original invoice cannot be handwritten as it will be rejected by customs.
- Remote-controlled drone:
- Any natural or legal person introducing an aircraft not travelling without a person on board in the national territory must declare at the border to the customs authorities which keep the object until the presentation by the owner of the registration certificate issued by Djibouti National Security.

Remarks

- Imported goods are liable for taxes and surcharges (23%, calculated on value of goods + 10% VAT). These taxes may apply on new or used goods depending on, among other things, the type of product and if the goods are used in local business. For example, diapers or laundry powder will be taxed.
- Customs officials make the final decision on the application of duties and taxes. This decision

will also depend on the client's ability to provide the original purchase invoices. Contact your local agent for more details on this matter.

- Customs do not accept export sales slips, sales receipts, and purchase orders.
- If your move contains both used and new personal effects, submit one inventory for the used items, and one inventory for the new items.

Prohibited items

Customs Prescriptions

- Weapons
- Drugs and narcotics
- Harpoons
- Counterfeits
- Drones (excluding appropriate declarations)
- Milk
- Cigarettes
- Ivory
- Ostrich eggs
- Turtle shell
- Coral
- Shells
- Stuffed animals
- Animal skins
- Or any other species taken up by the Washington Convention.

Remarks

- Airsoft and paintball: these items have recently been considered as dangerous and are now prohibited.
- Household products (washing powder, diapers, soap, etc.) are not considered as used HHGs. Their import can lead to customs hold and extra charges.
- Alcohol import is not prohibited. It is, however, discouraged through prohibitive taxes: 23% customs taxes +175% additional taxes +10% VAT + 1% handicap + 0.2% Africa Union.
- For wine and all other alcohol, you must submit a detailed and separate inventory from personal effects.