

MALI

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Personal Effects for a diplomat (sea shipments)

Documents Required

- Transfer letter
- Valued inventory, dated and signed by the client.
- Copy of valid passport
- Certificate of work start date, supplied by the employer in Mali, dated, signed and stamped.
- To forward to your local agent: NIF code of the employer at destination Used personal effects
- Detailed inventory, dated and signed, valued in EUR and written in French. It will need to indicate a contact address in Mali. New personal effects
- Detailed inventory listing the exact amount shown on the invoices for new items. It will need to indicate a contact address in Mali
- Original invoice less than 6 months old.

Remarks

- New items are taxed at 44.28%, except in the case of exemption.
- The diplomat must get the Protocol Office to sign the exemption request.
- Important: this procedure will take time. The document must be issued by the diplomat's administration at origin and then validated by the Malian authority before being handed to your local agent.
- The validated exemption (Protocol + customs) must be validated before the container's arrival in Dakar port.
- The validation by the Protocol office will take between 3 and 20 days depending on the embassies' efficiency.
- Validation by customs will require between 7 and 15 days.

Malians returning with an expat contract (sea shipments)

Documents Required

- End of assignment certificate
- Change of residence certificate supplied by the embassy or the city hall in the country of origin
- Copy of valid passport
- Valued inventory

Remarks

- Important: private citizens not being sent to Mali by their company cannot benefit from the exemption, regardless of their status. It is the welcoming entity's NIF code that will enable the shipper to be linked to it and to benefit from the exemption.
- If the exemption is granted, private citizens and expats will pay duties corresponding to
- 2.5% of the items' declared value.

Personal effects for a diplomat (air shipments)

Documents Required

- Transfer letter
- Valued inventory dated and signed by the client
- Copy of valid passport
- Certificate of work start date, supplied by the employer in Mali, dated, signed and stamped
- To forward to your local agent: NIF code of the employer at destination. Used items
- Detailed inventory, dated and signed, valued in Euros and written in French. It will need to indicate a contact address in Mali. New items
- Original invoice less than 6 months old.

Remarks

- The exemption procedure is the same as for sea shipments.
- Important: this procedure will take time. The document must be issued by the diplomat's administration at origin and then validated by the Malian authority before being handed to your local agent.
- Should all the documents be on hand when the shipment arrives, customs clearance takes between 2 and 3 days.

Air freight (less than 200kgs)

Documents Required

- Transfer order
- Valued inventory dated and signed by the client
- Copy of valid passport
- Certificate of work start date, supplied by the employer in Mali, dated, signed and stamped
- To forward to your local agent: NIF code of the employer at destination

Remarks

- Any personal effects shipment with a gross weight below 200 kg may clear customs without an exemption, against the payment of 200 EUR in additional fees.
- This procedure only applies to personal effects and does not concern materials.

Road Shipments

Documents Required

- Transfer order and move certificate
- Valued inventory dated and signed by the client
- Copy of valid passport
- Certificate of work start date, supplied by the employer in Mali, dated, signed and stamped

Remarks

- Customs clearance formalities can be done at the border for any non-diplomatic client .
- This procedure does not apply for diplomats (process similar to private client, except in specific cases).

Vehicles (shipped with personal effects)

Documents Required

- New or used
- Purchase invoice or value certificate

- Copy of the registration documents
- Owner's ID document or passport
- Original transfer letter

Remarks

- The length of admission is generally granted for a period of 2 years, renewable.
- Should they be granted the exemption, diplomats won't pay duties and taxes.
- All other customer categories will have to pay 44.28% in duties.
- Diplomatic exemption only applies to one vehicle.

Vehicles (in a container that only contains the vehicle)

Remarks

- Any container arriving by road via Dakar stops at the Kati terminal and any container with a vehicle inside is offloaded from the truck for the vehicle to be inspected by customs. All costs related to this offloading are either for the shipper or for the shipping company at origin.
- The opening of the container has to take place in the customer's presence, unless he gives his green light to open the container without him being present.
- Crane costs amount to 90 000F CFA. After the vehicle is taken out of the container at the terminal, your local agent need between 5 and 7 days to clear customs before the vehicle can be taken away.
- Once the customs formalities are finished for the vehicle, the client collects their vehicle at Kati terminal. The client must organise insurance for the transfer from the terminal to his residence. Once a vehicle is offloaded from the container, it cannot be loaded back in.
- After clearing customs, the local agent starts the procedure of the IT document (temporary registration), with the Customs one-stop shop. This may take between a month and 45 days. Once the local agent
- has obtained this document, the customs' one-stop shop must forward the vehicle's file to the administrative garage. They must also give the local agent the docket number within a week to 10 days. This document will be needed by the client to proceed with the vehicle's final registration.

Prohibited Items

Customs Prescriptions

- Weapons
- Drugs and narcotics
- Counterfeit items
- Cigarettes
- Alcohol exceeding appropriate declarations
- Ivory
- Ostrich eggs
- Turtle shells
- Coral
- Shells
- Stuffed animals
- Animal skin
- All species mentioned in the Washington Convention.