

RWANDA

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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Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Foreign citizens
- Copy of valid passport, particularly copies of the photo page(s) and the long-term visa page.
- Original valued inventory in English or French, dated and signed by the shipper.
- T.I.N. (Taxpayer Identification Number)
- Letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract in Rwanda.
Diplomats - add to the above:
- For Rwandan diplomats, all documents must be signed and stamped by their embassy in origin country
- NGO registration certificate (for NGO clients)
- Diplomatic ID

Remarks

- To be granted duty free clearance, all documents must be provided to your mover three weeks prior to arrival of the shipment.
- All new items are subject to payment of duties and taxes.
- Returning Rwandans: Rwandans returning home after a year overseas are exempt from customs duties on their personal effects and vehicle if they have owned them for at least a year.

Alcohol

Documents Required

- A certificate of free entry must be obtained from the ministry (except for diplomats, who need to inform their mover of the quantities imported prior to sending the shipment).

Customs Prescriptions

- Weapons and ammunition are subject to authorization from territorial administration.
- Drugs
- Telecommunications equipment.

Remarks

- All alcohol bottles must be marked "Fond de Cave". Total bottles must not exceed 15 bottles.