

ZIMBABWE

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Household goods and personal Effects.

Documents Required

- Immigrants or returning residents after an absence of not less than 2 years:
- The immigrant's declaration.
- Undertaking Form 170 for personal and household effects issued in Zimbabwe.
- The person's valid passport.
- Residence or Work Permit.
- The Bill of Lading or AWB.
- Inventory with serial numbers of electrical appliances.
- Valued inventory.
- Bill of lading / airway bill.
- For returning residence who have been working/studying out of Zimbabwe: proof of termination of employment / completion of studies is required.
- Bank statement for the last 6 months.
- Payslips for the past 2 years.
- Proof of residence in Zimbabwe, either utility bill or lease agreement (first and last page).
- Exit stamp when left Zimbabwe.
- Accepted returning resident stamp i.e. Accepted RR.
- Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, washing machines, dishing machine required import licence from Ministry of Environment (ODS Licence).
- Returning residents after an absence of less than two years:
- Immigrant's declaration.
- Undertaking Form.
- Valid passport.
- Proof of original export if it is a reimportation.
- Invoice/receipts of goods being imported since the goods will be paying duty and taxes and this will be in USD.
- Valued Inventory.
- Bill of lading / airway bill / road manifest.
- Proof of residence in Zimbabwe, either utility bill or lease agreement (first and last page).
- Freight Invoice.
- Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, washing machines, dishing machine required import licence from Ministry of Environment (ODS LICENCE).
- Furniture requires import permit from Ministry of Environment (ODS Licence).
- Deceased estates - Goods forwarded to Beneficiaries in Zimbabwe:
- Certified copy of Will.
- Copy death certificate.
- Inventory of items in Beneficiary name.
- Letter from High Court stating that you are the beneficiary and the beneficiary has inherited the goods Bill of lading / airway bill / road manifest.

- Statement of value of goods by the executor of the estate.
- Letters of executorship
- Valued inventory.
- Freight Invoice.
- Written undertaking not to sell or dispose of the goods within one year of importation.
- Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, washing machines, dishing machine required import licence from Ministry of Environment (ODS LICENCE).
- Furniture requires import permit from Ministry of Environment (ODS Licence).
- Work permit:
- Immigrant's declaration.
- Undertaking Form.
- Valid passport.
- Work permit.
- Inventory of goods.
- Valued Inventory.
- Bills of lading / airway bill / road manifest.
- Proof of residence in Zimbabwe, either utility bill or lease agreement (first and last page).
- Letter of contract from new employer in Zimbabwe.
- 3-6 months bank statement.
- Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, washing machines, dishing machine required import licence from Ministry of Environment (ODS LICENCE).

Customs Prescriptions

- Household goods exclude firearms, motor vehicles, motor caravans.
- No customs duties if the client has a work or residence permit.
- No customs duties applicable if the client is a returning resident and has lived outside Zimbabwe for more than 2 years.
- Duties will be applicable if the client has lived for less than 2 years outside Zimbabwe

Remarks

- All immigrants are required to be physically present at Customs for customs clearance.
- No imported goods may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of for 24 months from their date of entry, unless customs duties are paid.
- All personal effects and household goods must be imported within three months after the returning resident's time of arrival or after the time the work or resident permit has been granted to an immigrant.
- It takes about two days to clear through customs for returning residence and those coming on residence/work permit.
- Goods must arrive within three months from the time the client arrival into Zimbabwe from date on passport.
- Client to apply for the import licence Ministry of Environment before the shipment is dispatched from the country of origin.

Diplomats' removals

Documents Required

- Inventory of goods.
- Valued Inventory.
- Bill of lading / airway bill / road manifest.
- Passport.
- Diplomatic card / Accreditation.
- C152 from Embassy in Zimbabwe.

- This C152 is applied for by Embassy to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and this will be used to clear the goods.
- Bill of lading / Air Way Bill.

Customs Prescriptions

- All documents, duly completed and signed by the diplomat must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs for clearance.

Remarks

- Diplomatic shipments must be imported within three months after the time of the diplomat's arrival.
- Diplomats first clear their Goods through Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then customs. Clearance with Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes Four to Fourteen days and less than a day at customs.

Wedding trousseaux

Documents Required

- Original invoice and freight statement.

Customs Prescriptions

- Accompanied luggage:
- Customs will assess the value of presents/souvenirs and if value exceeds USD300.00 per individual duty is payable on the excess amount.
- Unaccompanied luggage:
- Customs will need proof that the traveller owns consignment, or customs will charge import duty on full value.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Copy of Will.
- Death Certificate.
- Letter from Executor.

Customs Prescriptions

- No duty payable.

New furniture and household goods

Documents Required

- Require invoices and freight statement
- Bill of lading if applicable
- Packing list

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to duty and VAT.
- Subject to import licences and permits.

Remarks

- Not applicable for new immigrants.
- Requires ODS Licence and Import permit.

Works of art, antiques

Documents Required

- Same as above.

Customs Prescriptions

- Same as above.

Alcoholic beverages

Customs Prescriptions

- Persons visiting Zimbabwe and Zimbabwean residents returning to their country, aged at least 18 years, may import a maximum of 2 litres of alcoholic drink, of which not more than 2 litres may be spirits.

Dangerous goods

Customs Prescriptions

- Are subject to import control.
- Applications should be made in the case of firearms and ammunitions to the Secretary of Home Affairs.

Citrus fruits, deciduous plants, seeds

Customs Prescriptions

- May not be imported unless an import licence has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural authorities and a Phytosanitary certificate is required.
- Port Health Certificate is required.

Remarks

- Phyto-sanitary to be applied under Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement.

Drugs, pornographic books, forged documents, counterfeit money

Customs Prescriptions

- Importation is prohibited.

Foodstuff

Customs Prescriptions

- Importation is restricted.
- Subject to import controls.

Agricultural equipment

Documents Required

- Commercial invoice
- Packing list
- Bill of Lading / Airway bill

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free.
- Subject to import controls.