



Importing Personal Property Into

BURKINA FASO

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WEAPONS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DUTY:

- There is no tax on personal effects as soon as the shipper has received exemption from the Customs head office.
- Non-diplomatic personnel receive duty-free entry for personal effects for up to 6 months after arrival.

For Diplomats:

- Air/sea shipments will take 15 days to obtain the document for free entry from the Foreign Ministry and Customs Head Office.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Copy of passport with page of the visa.
- ✓ Detailed, valued and signed inventory in French. Inventory must be signed and dated by the shipper.
- ✓ Certificate of Change of Residence
- ✓ "Attestation Reservation de çale"
- ✓ Invoice of electrical items and furniture.
- ✓ Letter of transfer from the shipper's employer.
- ✓ Bill of lading with the price of freight indicated.
- ✓ Certificate of non-sale.
- ✓ Packing list

PROHIBITED/ DUTIABLE/ RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Alcohol and other spirits are prohibited and should be sent separately. Only "fond de cave" (less than 30 bottles) is acceptable. If the shipper wants to import more, there is a 6.5% tax on the declared value.
- Home computers are not accepted as personal effects and will be subject to customs duties and import taxes.
- New electrical items and furniture are subject to payment of customs duties and taxes.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- New and used cars are dutiable.
- If a car is imported on a temporary importation, tax will be approximately 8.5%. All other vehicles tax will be approximately 62.16%. Taxes are based on the value of the car plus transport costs

IMPORTATION OF WEAPONS

- Importation of weapons and ammunition are submitted to authorization from territorial administration.

IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Pets may be imported into Burkina Faso and will be subject to a veterinary health examination upon arrival.
- All accompanying documents must be translated into French.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Health certificate stating that the pet is from a region declared to be unaffected for more than six weeks with any transmissible disease.
- ✓ International rabies vaccination certificate, dated more than one week and less than one year before arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Burkina Faso Embassy, <http://www.burkinaembassy-usa.org>, 2004.
- North American International, Country Fact Sheets, "Burkina Faso," <http://38.228.219.131/cfs/BF.HTM>, June 1999.
- AGS Burkina-Faso, April 1999.

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.