



# Importing Personal Property Into *Equatorial Guinea*

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

Used household goods are duty free if they have been in the owner's possession for at least 6 months. The owner does not need to be present for customs clearance. The following documents are required:

- ✓ Packing list in French or Spanish
- ✓ Copy of valid passport plus visa
- ✓ Original rated bill of lading / air waybill (AWB)
- ✓ Original inventory in French or Spanish, dated, valued and signed by the owner
- ✓ Invoices for the electrical and hi fi appliances and for all items purchased less than 6 months before the shipment's arrival. Sales invoices must identify the items clearly, with the date, year and place of purchase.
- ✓ Original certificate of transfer done on letterhead by the new employer with date of employment in the destination country and date of transfer
- ✓ Original certificate of change of residence

### **Returning Citizens:**

Returning citizens do not require a visa, but must also provide the following:

- Change of residence certificate
- Detailed inventory stamped by the Equatorial Guinea Consulate in the country of departure.

### **Diplomats:**

Duty free (franchise) certificate is required. Depending on the Embassy or International Organization, it may take approximately 8 days to obtain the certificate. During this period, demurrage and storage charges often occur. The Embassy or Organization will not pay these charges – they are the responsibility of the diplomat.

### **TAXES**

- Do not apply to diplomatic shipments
- 50% for new car or hold of monetary value
- 38% for pieces of apparatus
- 50% for food
- 110% on alcoholic beverages and tobacco (allowed only with diplomatic shipments)

### **RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Firearms and ammunitions are submitted to territorial authorization, but authorization is difficult to obtain. The items must be easily identified and placed near the container door.
- Illegal drugs
- Alcohol and spirits are prohibited except with diplomatic shipments. Only "fond de cave" (less than 20 bottles) is acceptable.
- Pornographic items

### **Notes:**

Weapons authorization can be a very lengthy process. Owner is responsible for paying a tax on costs.

### **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

Import tax depends on the type, engine size and age of vehicle.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- Original Registration Card
- Original purchase invoice
- Original ocean bill of lading, stating chassis number and weight of vehicle
- Certificate of transfer issued by employer
- Copy of passport plus visa

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