



# Importing Personal Property Into CONGO (DEMOCRATIC)

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of valid passport (including pages showing the entry permit)
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading (no express release accepted (AWB))
- ✓ Detailed inventory in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Resident or working permit or letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract in Democratic Republic of Congo
- ✓ Certificate for definitive settlement (for returning citizens only).

### **Notes:**

- All original documents should reach the destination agent a minimum of 14 days before shipment's arrival to allow the shipper's employer to obtain the certificate for free entry from the Customs Head Office and minimize port charges.
- Diplomats will not be charged taxes on Household Goods
- Private shippers (non-diplomats) will pay a tax of 56% of the CIF value

### **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:**

- All documents should reach the destination agent at least one month prior to vehicle's arrival to avoid any delay and demurrage and storage charges.
- Chassis number and weight of vehicle must be stated on the OBL

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

- ✓ Original registration card
- ✓ OBL/AWB
- ✓ Car Invoice
- ✓ Non sale Certificate

### **RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Firearms and ammunition (submitted to authorization from territorial administration)
- Alcohol (must be accompanied with the mention of "fond de cave" to be acceptable and duty free)
- Unlawful Drugs

**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.**