



# Importing Personal Property Into

# GABON

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### ENTRY OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

- Household goods that are used may be permitted free from duty.
- A tax of 2%, known as "RUSID", will be assessed on all imported items. The only exceptions are made for the French Military, French Embassy and Chief of French Military Mission.

#### **Notes:**

- Only one air and one surface shipment are permitted per family.
- To import household goods/personal effects duty-free an exemption certificate must be obtained from the Customs Head Office.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Original and 3 copies of the detailed, valued inventory, in French, which is signed by the shipper.
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Working Visa
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Original, rated Air Waybill or Bill of Lading (no express release accepted)
- ✓ Freight invoice
- ✓ Certificate of change of residence, consularized at origin
- ✓ "Attestation Reservation de Çale"
- ✓ Letter of transfer from the shipper's employer verifying new contract.
- ✓ Original invoices of electrical/electronic devices and new items.
- ✓ Shipper must obtain an International Vaccination Certificate for Yellow Fever valid for 10 years.

#### **Notes:**

- All documents must be in French.
- Documents must be sent by express mail at least 15 days prior to the shipment's arrival so the shipper's employer can have adequate time to apply for the duty-free exemption certificate, which may or may not be granted.

### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- All new (less than 6 months old) items are subject to duties and taxes and require invoices for customs clearance.
- Liquor in excess of 8 bottles and cigarettes in excess of 10 packs will be taxed. Some liquors are strictly prohibited.
- It is recommended that shippers hand-carry personal computers into Gabon and not include them in their household goods/personal effects shipment(s). PCs are subject to duties and taxes.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs
- Sugar
- Edible oils
- Firearms and ammunition are prohibited unless permission is obtained from the Government of Gabon, territorial administration, prior to importation.

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- A tax of 53.4% will be assessed on the CIF value of automobiles.
- Customs will assess the value of the car.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

#### **All documents must be in French.**

- ✓ Original registration card
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Original invoice
- ✓ Freight invoice
- ✓ Insurance Certificate
- ✓ Rated original Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Non-sale Certificate

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