



# Importing Personal Property Into

# NIGER

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- Household goods have been in shipper's possession for at least 6 months
- Caution: Shipper must always pay a 5% statistical tax, unless he/she belongs to an exempted organization.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Copy of valid passport
- ✓ Original Ocean Bill of Lading or Air Waybill
- ✓ Original inventory in French dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Certificate of insurance
- ✓ Invoices for electrical and hi fi appliances and for all the items bought less than 6 months before the shipment's arrival
- ✓ Resident or working permit or letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract
- ✓ Change of residence certificate
- ✓ Non sale certificate (declaration that the shipper will not sell the household goods upon arrival)
- ✓ Certificate for free entry obtained from the Customs Head Office (when applicable).

### Note:

- Shipper may import only one of each type of electrical appliance (e.g. one television, 1 refrigerator, etc.)

### DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS

- Diplomats may import household goods duty-free and exempt from the statistical tax.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Certificate from the embassy or consulate
- ✓ Original inventory
- ✓ Shipper must apply for the Document of Free Entry from the Foreign Ministry and Customs Head Office at least 15 days prior to shipment's arrival. A copy of the OBL or AWB is required for this.

### RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms and ammunition
- Illegal drugs
- Alcohol (fewer than 30 bottles is acceptable and duty free; should be noted "fond de cave")

### IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES

- Shipper must pay a 53% tax on the actual value of the vehicle
- Customer must also pay a 5% statistical tax on the declared value of the inventory, unless he belongs to an exempted organization or project in Niger
- Air-conditioned cars are highly recommended due to extreme conditions.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Certificate of registration
- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Original purchase invoice
- ✓ Original OBL/AWB
- ✓ Non-sale certificate
- ✓ Insurance Certificate

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- Household Goods Forwarders Association of America, 2005.
- AGS Worldwide Movers, 2001.
- AGS Africa, 1998.

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