



Importing Personal Property Into Tanzania

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- **A detailed list should be prepared, in triplicate, showing all shipment contents.**
- Original passport with visa
- Valid resident or original working permit
- Detailed inventory in English dated, valued in USD and signed by the shipper (3 copies)
- Packing list
- Original Bill of Lading/AWB
- Letter from the employer explaining that the shipper is starting a new contract
- Invoices for the electrical and hi fi appliances and for all the items bought less than 6 months before shipper's arrival.
- Serial numbers must be provided for all major appliances.

Note:

- There are no excise or import duties on used household goods provided they are exported before the expiration of the shipper's temporary residence permit.
- All documents must be express mailed 21 days **before shipment's arrival** in order for the shipper's employer to apply for the possible duty-free exemption certificate.
- Diplomatic shipments are not bound to customs examinations upon presentation of the P.R.O 6 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tanzania
- Non diplomatic shipments should be accompanied with a Resident Permit to avoid any taxes

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Shipper may import one car tax-free if has been owned for more than one year
- Chassis number and weight must be listed on Original Bill of Lading

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Original registration card
- Original Passport
- Original Bill of Lading
- Original invoice of car
- Non sale Certificate
- Certificate of vehicle safety

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms and ammunition
- Unlawful drugs
- Elephant tusk
- Minerals
- Medicines
- Grains
- Animals

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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.