



Importing Personal Property into

BOTSWANA

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS / PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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

- Returning residents have resided outside of Botswana for at least 2 years.
- The household goods and personal effects have been owned by the shipper for a minimum of 2 years.
- The shipper has not previously visited Botswana for more than 90 days within a 2 year period prior to taking up residency.

Notes:

- The shipper must be in Botswana during customs clearance
- Used household goods and personal effects must arrive within 6 months of the shipper's arrival in Botswana.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Residence Permit
- ✓ Work Permit
- ✓ Letter from employer stating appointment and duration of contract.
- ✓ Inventory
- ✓ Form CE101 in duplicate to present to Department of Customs and Excise.
- ✓ P1.160 Form in triplicate

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Pornographic materials
- Walkie-talkies or two-way radios
- CD players
- Cell phones

- Animal products such as feathers, furs, skins, tusks, etc., from protected species.

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Plant and vegetable products require a Phytosanitary Certificate from the Department of Agriculture in Botswana.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- An automobile may be imported duty-free depending upon the status of the shipper.
- The shipper must have owned and used the vehicle for at least 1 year prior to shipment.
- The automobile must arrive within 6 months of the shipper's arrival in Botswana.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit issued by the Ministry of Commerce.
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Form IC.2
- ✓ Proof vehicle has been owned and used by the shipper for at least 1 year.
- ✓ Purchase invoice and /or proof of purchase value.
- ✓ The following documents must be submitted to the Department of Customs and Excise: CE101 in duplicate, Import Permit, Residence Permit and Passport.
- ✓ Police clearance certificate

IMPORTING PETS INTO BOTSWANA:

IMPORTATION OF PETS:

- Pet owners should bear in mind the hot climate of Botswana before deciding to import their cat or dog. Also, it should be noted that rabies is widespread in Botswana, thus making re-exportation difficult, often requiring quarantine.
- The most updated import requirements may be obtained from the Directorate of Veterinary Services in Gaborone.
- Quarantine is not required in Botswana once the surgeon has examined the animal.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit issued by Botswana State Veterinarian or the Department of Agriculture.
- ✓ State Veterinary Certificate confirming the animal is of good health and the inoculations are valid.
- ✓ Valid Rabies Certificate
- ✓ Health Certificate – obtained within 30 days of departure.

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- Worldwide Movers Botswana, <http://www.wwmovers-africa.com>, 2003
- Rinkens International Moving, <http://www.rinkens.com/BW.html>, 2003

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