



Importing Personal Property Into

MALAWI

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Original Work permit or residence permit
- ✓ Packing list
- ✓ Original Inventory in English dated, valued and signed by the shipper
- ✓ Original bill of lading (no express release accepted)/AWB
- ✓ Valued list and invoices for the electrical and hi-fi appliances and for all items bought less than 6 months prior to shipment's arrival
- ✓ Diplomatic Identification or other documents to prove duty-free status

Notes:

- Shipper must be in Malawi at time of Customs clearance.
- All shipments may be inspected.
- All new goods must be declared and new personal effects are subjected to a 30% to 80% declared value tax.
- Only one computer is allowed duty-free
- All documents must be mailed 15 days prior to shipment's arrival in order for the shipper's employer to apply for the possible duty-free exemption certificate.
- New electronic items and computer are subjected to a 50% to 150% declared value tax.
- Alcohol is subjected to taxes.
- Books and magazines are subject to censorship.

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms and ammunitions (submitted to authorization from territorial administration).
- Unlawful drugs.
- Pornography.
- Radio equipment.
- Plants and seeds.

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES:

- The vehicle must have been owned and used by shipper for at least one year.
- All documentation should be received one month before the shipment's arrival to avoid any delay and demurrage and storage charge due to long customs procedures for vehicles.
- Diplomats may import one car duty free per family.
- Others may import one car of value not more than K500, which is subject to duties.
- Chassis number and weight of the vehicle must be stated on the OBL.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Original registration card
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Original Bill of lading
- ✓ Original Invoice of vehicle

IMPORTING PETS:

- Domestic animals may be imported.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import Permit from the Veterinary Department
- ✓ Copies of vaccination certificates

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- International Movers, 2004.
- Worldwide Movers, 2003
- AGS Worldwide Movers, 2001

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