

# Niger Country Guide - IAM

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## Country Guide: Niger

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / no express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods

- Invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident permit / work permit / letter of employment
- Non-sale certificate (declaration that owner of the goods will not sell any personal effects)
- Diplomatic exemption

### **Specific Information**

- A certificate for free entry must be obtained from the Customs head office.
- Household goods are duty free if in the owner of the goods' possession at least 6 months.
- One electrical appliance per type is authorized duty free (e.g., 1 television, 1 refrigerator, 1 VCR, etc.)
- All owners of the goods must pay a government tax of 2% of the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value of the shipment (including diplomats).
- New items are subject to import duties of 57%.
- For diplomatic shipments, the agent must have all Customs documents more than 15 days prior to arrival of the shipment to obtain the certificate for free entry.
- Customs clearance will occur once the diplomatic exoneration is received.

## **Motor Vehicles**

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### **Documents Required**

- Copy passport
- Original registration card
- OBL / AWB
- Insurance certificate
- Change of residence certificate
- Copy of purchase invoice

### **Specific Information**

- Taxes on vehicles depend on age, power etc. (approximately 57% of the cost, insurance and freight of the shipment (CIF))
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

### Specific Information

The veterinary health certificate must be issued within 3 days prior to import, stating that the animal (cat or dog) has been clear of rabies or other infectious disease a minimum of 6 weeks prior to import.

### Restricted/Dutiable Items

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The following items may qualify for free import for persons over 15 years of age:

- Cigarettes (200), cigarillos (100), cigars (25), tobacco (250)
- Wine and spirits (1 bottle each)
- Eau de toilette (1/2 L) and perfume (1/4 L)

### Prohibited Items

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- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration)
- Drugs
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and is duty free (max 20 bottles)

### Consignment Instructions

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**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

### Cultural and Other Information

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CIA World Factbook

## Wikipedia Entry for Niger