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Country Guide: Zimbabwe

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Original passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original inventory of all items (with serial numbers of electrical appliance to be written on)
- Original packing list with values in USD and English
- Freight invoice - for customs clearance purposes
- Resident / work permit / letter of employment

Specific Information

- Resident stamp / work permit / letter of employment / termination letter must explain details of new contract in Zimbabwe.
- Returning citizens must have payslips for the past 2 years and a bank statement for last 6 months, along with an exit stamp of when the owner of the goods left (required for interview with customs) (returning resident).
- Letter of appointment from organization in Zimbabwe (client is on work permit).
- Those working on a work permit must have letter of appointment from organization.
- Diplomats must have report order letter from the Embassy in Zimbabwe and a diplomatic ID card.
- Goods should be only household goods and personal effects in order to be duty free.
- Owners of the goods must be present during Customs clearance.
- Customs will inspect all shipments.
- Diplomats are exempt from duties.
- Diplomats and returning citizens who live 2 or more years abroad are exempt from duties.
- A duty exemption letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be obtained for diplomatic shipments.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Certificate of ownership
- Change of residence certificate
- Copy of purchase invoice

Specific Information

- Taxes on vehicle will depend on age, power, etc. (100% to 110% CIF).
- The OBL must show the chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.

Pets

Documents Required

- Certificate of vaccination
- Zimbabwe veterinary health certificate
- Import license (from the Director of Veterinary Services)

Specific Information

Permission from the Director of Veterinary Services is required prior to import.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Plants and seeds and animals (agricultural certificate and phytosanitary certificate are required from the Embassy)
- Medication
- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Wine and spirits (2 L)
- Cigarettes (200)

Prohibited Items

- Narcotics
- Explosive materials
- Foreign soil
- Pornography, defamatory or obscene publications
- Cultural artifacts and other objects of cultural importance
- Henna
- Palm tree and any products thereof

Consignment Instructions

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

CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Zimbabwe