

# Central African Republic Country Guide

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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

- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident or work permit or letter from the employer
- Non-sale certificate (declaration on the honor that the owner of the goods will not sell personal effects in Central African Republic)
- Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaison (BSC) / cargo tracking note (CTN) Personal
- identification number (NIF)

### Specific Information

- The BSC / CTN are compulsory documents for all sea shipments going to the Central Africa Republic, which must be obtained at origin.
- All documents must be provided to agent prior to arrival of the shipment in order to apply and be granted duty free clearance prior to arrival of the shipment.
- A 1% import tax is levied for all personal effects shipment to Central African Republic equal to 1% of declared value.
- Goods that are not exempt from import taxes:

Computers	80% CIF + VAT 18%
Alcohol	67.5% CIF + VAT 18%
Tobacco	77.5% CIF + VAT 18%
New electrical appliances	80% CIF + VAT 18%
Vehicles	48% - 78% (varies with power of the car) + VAT 18%

- Diplomatic shipments are duty free except for:

Computers	80% CIF + VAT 18%
Vehicles	0.5% CIF

- All shipments are applicable for RGS

tax (0.5% of declared value).

- All shipments are checked by Customs.

### Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Owner of the goods' driver's license
- Original purchase invoice
- Non-sale certificate
- Export declaration (new cars)

#### Specific Information

- - Taxes on vehicles will depend on age, power etc.
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.
- If the car is new, an export declaration is required.

#### Pets

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##### Documents Required

- - Veterinary health certificate
  - Vaccination record

##### Specific Information

Dogs and cats coming into the country require a veterinary certificate confirming the animal's prior vaccination against rabies.

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##### Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunitions must be declared prior to entry into the country (authorization from the territorial administration required)
- Cameras, film and currency must be declared prior to entry into the country Perfume (5 bottles)
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and duty free (max 20 bottles)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tobacco products (2 kg)</li> <li>Cigarettes (1000)</li> <li>Cigars (250)</li> </ul>	77.5% CIF + VAT 18%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New electrical appliances</li> <li>Computer</li> </ul>	80% CIF + VAT 18%	Also applies to diplomatic shipments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicles</li> </ul>	48% - 78% CIF + VAT 18%  0.5% CIF + VAT 18%	CIF value depends on power of the car  Diplomatic shipments
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## Prohibited Items

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Narcotics and illegal drugs • Alcohol

- must be sent separately and  
labeled as “Fond de Cave”  
(maximum 20 bottles)

- Pornography and subversive materials Explosives
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## 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 Central African Republic