

Mali Country Guide

Country Guide: Mali

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport showing entry permit
- Packing list in French or English
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release accepted / air waybill (AWB)
- Original detailed inventory in French dated, valued, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Letter of employment
- Certificate of change of residence from the City Hall (or embassy), which certifies that the owner of the goods is a current resident and is departing the country
- Diplomatic franchise (diplomats)

Specific Information

- All containers arriving at TOE Bamako are scanned.
- Documents must be received by agent at least 15 days before the arrival of the shipment to minimize any port charges.
- It takes approximately 20–40 days to obtain the free-entry certificate.
- Express releases are acceptable but result in additional fees of EUR 100.00.
- A certificate for free entry must be obtained from the Customs head office; shipments are then duty free.
- The tax on new household items for all shipments is 45% on the declared value (excludes diplomats).
- The “Redevance Statistique” is 2.5% of the valued inventory for non-Malian citizens and 3.5% for returning citizens (excludes diplomats).
- The Fonds de Garantie Routier is 1% tax of the valued inventory for all shipments transported by road from Abidjan, Ivory Coast to Bamako, Mali. The diplomatic organization will apply for a diplomatic exemption document to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the owner of the goods; it takes approximately 15 days to obtain the exemption, to begin clearance (diplomats).
- Documents must be received by agent at least 15 days prior to arrival of the shipment in free entry status from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (diplomats).

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
- Non-sale certificate
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Purchase invoice / certificate of value

The duty rates on motor vehicles is as follows:

If the motor vehicle is new, tax is 44% of the Argus value + EUR 40.00 / year

- If the motor is 10 years or older, tax is 44% of the Argus value + 10 x 40 = EUR 400.00

Specific Information

Diplomats are exempt from tax on motor vehicles.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate / sanitary certificate

Specific Information

The veterinary health certificate / sanitary certificate must be issued from the country of origin within 3 days of import; it must specify that the animal has been free from any infectious disease or rabies for at least 6 weeks prior to import.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunition (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- New computers (tax is 65%) - excludes diplomats, embassies and persons with authorization from the Malian Customs head office.
- New electrical items
- Prescription medications (health certificate required)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons (certificate is required)
- Drugs
- Books, films and pictures (subject to censorship and confiscation if contrary to

local customs)

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 Mali