

Namibia Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Passport
 - Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)
 - Packing list
 - NA 304 (3 copies)
 - P1.160 (3 copies)
 - Detailed valued inventory in currency of origin country
 - Letter of exemption on duties+ VAT (applied for through the Ministry of Finance)
 - Residence permit / work permit
- Diplomatic clearance / certificate A issued by the Embassy, stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Specific Information

- Diplomatic shipments can be imported duty free provided that a diplomatic clearance certificate / certificate A has been issued by the relevant Embassy and stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Returning residents must have lived abroad for 6 consecutive months to qualify for the duty free importation of household goods and personal effects.
- If the residence permit / work permit is not stamped in the passport upon arrival of the shipment, or if the exemption of taxes is not granted, the shipper has the possibility of releasing the cargo by making a refundable, provisional payment of 20% duties and 16.5% taxes.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- NA 304
- Import permit (4 copies)
- Registration documents
- Proof of value / purchase invoice
- OBL
- Diplomatic certificate (diplomats) completed and signed by Embassy / Consulate and stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with proof of value

Specific Information

- Only one motor vehicle per family may be imported duty free if owned and used at least 1 year prior to shipment.
- Tax exemption must be applied for at Ministry of Finance A tax
- of 16.5% + CO2 emission levy (depending on the vehicle).
- Once imported, a vehicle may not be sold or disposed of for 2 years.
- Diplomats are exempt from the payment of duties and taxes.
- For temporary residents, the import permit is not applicable if the vehicle is reexported within 1 year.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

Specific Information

- The veterinary health certificate must indicate that the pet is healthy, free of parasites, and has current inoculations.
- The pet must have received a rabies vaccination no less than 30 days but no more than 12 months prior to import.
- Noncompliance with the required regulations may result in refused entry, return to the origin country, quarantine, or worst case, put down.
- Other kinds of pets (birds, rodents, etc.) may not be subject to rabies regulations but may be required to meet other requirements; contact the destination agent for specific information.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms (an import permit is required)
- Plants (check with the destination agent as certain plants and plant materials require a license for import)
- Cigarettes (400), cigars (50), tobacco (250 g)
- Perfume (50 ml) and eau de toilette (250 ml)

Prohibited Items

- Narcotics
- Drugs
- Incitements
- Pornographic materials
- Walkie-talkies radios
- Products made from animals of protected species (feathers, furs, skins, tusks, etc.)

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 Namibia