



## Import Customs Guide **TANZANIA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<b>Returning Resident</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packing lists in English.</li> <li>▪ Original valid passport.</li> <li>▪ TIN (tax identification number).</li> <li>▪ Invoice for all new items.</li> <li>▪ Expired visa from abroad.</li> <li>▪ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).</li> <li>▪ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-diplomatic goods are subject to 100% inspection / physical verification.</li> <li>▪ New items will be taxed.</li> <li>▪ All wooden furniture and electronic appliances will be excise duty taxed with no exemption for non-diplomats.</li> <li>▪ Liquor, wine, spirit, medicine, cigarettes are not allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For all returning citizens, the destination agent will need shippers' original passport (with entry stamp) and expired visa from abroad.</li> <li>▪ Copy TIN certificate.</li> <li>▪ Copy of Abroad visa.</li> </ul>
<b>Expatriate (non-diplomat)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packing lists in English.</li> <li>▪ Original valid passport.</li> <li>▪ TIN (tax identification number).</li> <li>▪ Original Work permit.</li> <li>▪ Original Residence Permit</li> <li>▪ Copy of employment contract.</li> <li>▪ Invoice for all new items.</li> <li>▪ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).</li> <li>▪ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.</li> <li>▪ Working contract is sometimes asked by customs especially for cross border shipments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non-diplomatic goods are subject to 100% inspection / physical verification.</li> <li>▪ New items will be taxed.</li> <li>▪ All wooden furniture and electronic appliances will be excise duty taxed with no exemption for non-Diplomats.</li> <li>▪ Liquor, wine, spirit, medicine, cigarettes are not allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The destination agent will need shippers' original passport (with entry stamp), original work permit, original resident permit and copy of the personal TIN certificate.</li> </ul>
<b>Diplomat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packing lists in English.</li> <li>▪ Passport copy.</li> <li>▪ PRO6 (diplomatic exemption).</li> <li>▪ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In order to process the exemption for diplomatic shipments by road, a road consignment note and packing list will be required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.</li> <li>▪ BL, AWB or RCN will be required for PRO6 applications.</li> </ul>

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<b>General Information</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consumables are not considered as used personal effects for the non-diplomatic is prohibited in Tanzania or must provide import permits from Government Authorities.</li> <li>▪ Diplomatic can import consumables but has to have import permits from Government authorities.</li> <li>▪ Non-diplomatic shippers will have to pay duties and taxes on all new items (Import duty 25% of CIF + VAT 18% of CIF +Railway Development Levy (RDL) 1.5% and Customs Processing Fees 0.6% of CIF on CIF).</li> <li>▪ All imports should arrive in the country after the importer has acquired a work permit, Resident permit and copy tin certificate. Customs allows you three months in which to import your used personal effects after arrival however it can be extended to another 3 months on request.</li> <li>▪ Shippers' owned containers will be dutiable.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited Items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Toy guns.</li> <li>▪ Guns.</li> <li>▪ Oil.</li> <li>▪ Petroleum products.</li> <li>▪ Foodstuff.</li> <li>▪ Alcohol.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic materials</li> <li>▪ Detergents items</li> </ul>	

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<b>Motor Vehicles, Motor cycle, Motor boats etc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original logbook or Registration certificate or cancellation.</li> <li>▪ De-registration certificate for used cars/boats/motor cycles.</li> <li>▪ Original invoice for new cars / boats / Motor cycles.</li> <li>▪ 2x original B/L.</li> <li>▪ TIN number.</li> <li>▪ Interpol certificate if coming from southern African countries.</li> <li>▪ Road worthiness certificate (Post inspection to Tanzania will cost US\$250).</li> <li>▪ Sales agreement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vehicles older than 8 years will be subject to over aged fees.</li> <li>▪ Diplomatic car older than 8 years will be subject to age/aunt dumping taxes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Returning Tanzanians and non-diplomat are allowed only one car and must be owned more than 12 months to qualify for exemption from duties/taxes.</li> </ul> <p>Car should be less than 8 years of age to avoid over aged fees.</p>



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