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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original passport showing entry stamp in Madagascar and visa long stay 1 year from country of origin ▪ Passport with a residence visa or resident card in the country of departure (valid for more than one year upon arrival). ▪ Proof of break of stay in case of passage on Madagascar during the last twelve months before final arrival or trip out of Madagascar after final arrival. ▪ Proof of break of stay in case of making a trip out of Madagascar from date of definitive arrival. ▪ Shipper's flight ticket related to last trip to Madagascar. ▪ Original boarding passes related to last trip to Madagascar with all connecting flights. ▪ 2 certified copies of the passport by the Malagasy town hall in Madagascar. ▪ Original of Certificate of change of residence from Madagascar embassy at origin. ▪ Original of valued Inventory in French or English without error and no zero-value declared for any item. Must be signed and dated by shipper and stamped by Madagascar embassy at origin. ▪ Original of Certificate of change of residence delivered by city town hall at origin ▪ Original separate list of books, CD and DVD with title, author & quantity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The shipper must be present in Madagascar because the original passport is needed. ▪ Vehicle of non-diplomatic shipment is inspected by CIVIO (used vehicle identification control) for obtaining the value for clearance customs (duration about 15 days more or less). ▪ Non-diplomatic shippers must apply for tax exemption to customs authorities and must pay GASYNET tax at arrival. ▪ Tax exemption is issued to each person for one time during his life. ▪ Tax-free must be submitted not more than 6 months after obtaining the Malagasy long stay/residency visa for foreigners. For Malagasy citizen count start from the day they arrived in Madagascar. ▪ New items and all kind of tools are dutiable. Approx. 65% of CIF value. ▪ All import shipments attract a GASYNET fee of approx. 0.3% of CIF value (customs processing fee) + 20% VAT on these 0.3%. ▪ All import sea shipments attract an APMF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tax exemption is only allowed to one person one time in life. ▪ All shipments are inspected except diplomatic shipments. ▪ Old passport is requested in case the new one has been delivered less than one year at time of tax-free submission. ▪ BSC: cargo tracking note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can contact the person in charge of issuing it at MG.BSC@sgs.com – web site: http://www.bscmg.sgs.com or • Best is however to ask your destination agent to handle this for you. ▪ All listed documents are needed for tax-free import. If one is missing, no tax free. Some document looks similar (flight ticket & boarding passes) but both are needed. ▪ In case there is no Madagascar representation at origin country, the document must be stamped at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Antananarivo. ▪ Shipper will be requested to meet the customs inspector few days before the shipment arrival. ▪ Original of Certificate of change of residence must be delivered by city town hall at origin country or the equivalent office in charge (not delivered by client's embassy). ▪ Templates can be provided by your local destination agent.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original of Residence certificate in Madagascar (less than 3 months). ▪ Original engagement letter dully filled and legalized by the Malagasy City town hall. ▪ Original handwritten letter of exemption request to be addressed to "The Head of Legislation and Regulation Services". ▪ Original Attestation of gratuitousness dully filled and legalized by the Malagasy City town hall. ▪ Original packing list. ▪ Bill of lading (waybill or express release is better) / air waybill (AWB)). ▪ Copy of customs export declaration. ▪ Copy of the "Jirama" bill (water and electricity bill in Madagascar) or Copy of House leasing contract. ▪ Complimentary documents required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For foreign worker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work permit from Labour Ministry in Madagascar. ▪ Original of Employment Attestation at Madagascar. • For Malagasy government official: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 certified copies of the Malagasy National Identity Card. ▪ All original Mission Order or certified copy by MOFA. ▪ Original repeal order or certified copy by MOFA. • For Malagasy returning Citizens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 certified copies of the Malagasy National Identity Card. • For foreign pensioner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original of attestation Malagasy bank of the existence of an account that receives currencies. • For investor: 	<p>fee. 30€ for a TC20 and 60 € for a TC40.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certified Copies of the Statutes of the company. ▪ Attestation of non-Employment by the EDBM (Economic Development Board of Madagascar) in Madagascar. ▪ Attestation of Employment in Madagascar. • For cooperants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of employment contract. ▪ Attestation of non-Employment by the EDBM (Economic Development Board of Madagascar) in Madagascar. • For diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attestation of Destination. ▪ Transit order by the Organism or Embassy. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This tax exemption done by the diplomat employer. ▪ Diplomats shall provide less documents than in the first section above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of official passport with Diplomatic Visa, • Packing list, • Valued inventory list, • Attestation of destination, done by client organization at Madagascar, • Transit order. ▪ Depending on the employer, 1 or 2 additional documents might be required.
DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food and consumable items: all canned meat products (including pork, sheep, fish, chicken, etc.) must have a Certificate of Health. ▪ Electrical items and furniture must be more than six months old; otherwise, they are subject to Customs duties and taxes. ▪ Home computers, hardware product and professional equipment (as tools, generator) are not accepted as personal effects and are subject to Customs duties and taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All kind of tools and new furniture are dutiable. ▪ No matter number of family member, bicycle, TV, computer, fridge, freezer, cooker are limited 2 per family. 3rd piece will be dutiable. ▪ Printer, copier, scanner and video projector are limited only 1 per family. 2nd piece will be dutiable. ▪ Items considered as professional will be dutiable.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Books and DVD's (audio and video) require an agreement from the Interior Ministry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any kind of tools or similar, electric or not will be dutiable.
PROHIBITED ITEMS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons, ammunition, military equipment. ▪ Drugs and narcotics. ▪ Alcohol and other spirits (if excess the allowed quantities) ▪ Animal skins, stuffed animals, birds or fish. ▪ CBs and walkie-talkies (including children's toys). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allowed quantities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 litres of liquor and/or whisky. • 2 litres of champagne and/or wine
MOTOR VEHICLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original car registration card / title. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import duty & tax is exempt if the registration papers have been in the name of the qualifying shipper for more than one year. ▪ Import duties & tax will apply if the registration documents have been in the name of the shipper for less than one year. ▪ Import duties & tax might apply on the shipment if the visa long stay is less than 12 months + 1 day. ▪ One shipper can import tax-free one car and one motorbike. ▪ If shipper is moving with family he can, under condition, tax-free import a second car but the family member must move (more or less) same date like him/her and provide all requested document as in the first HHGs section above. ▪ Containerized vehicle will be unloaded from the container during customs clearance process for a CIVIO inspection. So HHG and vehicle will be cleared separately. ▪ If you are sending HHG and vehicle in a same BL and/or in a same container, you must be prepared for huge additional Port charges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In addition to all required document for HHGs import, in case there is a car, shipper must provide additionally those documents. ▪ Quads, sidecar, tricycle, buggy, goods transport vehicle and vehicle equal or more than 10 places are dutiable ▪ Right hand vehicle cannot be imported. ▪ It is often happening that the Malagasy immigration grant less than 12 months residency visa.

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PETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of good health dated within three days of arrival. ▪ Rabies vaccination (within 30-180 days prior to arrival). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shipping as unaccompanied baggage is not recommended. 	



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