



# Import Customs Guide **MOZAMBIQUE**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Household Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Incoming Expatriates (non-Diplomatic)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mozambique Tax Number Certificate</li> <li>▪ Valued Inventory Signed by you, in USD, in Portuguese (max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ Letter from Mozambican Employer Entity in Portuguese, Signed and Stamped</li> <li>▪ Valid Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Last Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> <li>▪ Work Contract with Mozambican Employer Entity in Portuguese, Signed and Stamped</li> <li>▪ Work Permit from Mozambique Ministry of Labor</li> <li>▪ Work &amp; Residence Visa in your Passport</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Incoming Foreign Diplomats                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of your Diplomat Card issued after your arrival by MINEC</li> <li>▪ Mozambique Tax Number Certificate</li> <li>▪ Valued Inventory, signed by you, in USD (max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ Letter from Mozambican Employer Entity in Portuguese, Signed and Stamped</li> <li>▪ Valid Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Last Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Mozambican Nationals (non-Diplomatic)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Confirmation of stay abroad issued by the Mozambican Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence (or nearest one)</li> <li>▪ INACE statement issued by INACE/MINEC in Maputo</li> <li>▪ Copies of your valid Passport</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is not required - under normal circumstances- by Customs to be present in person during the clearance process of your goods, however, Customs requires proof that you have arrived in the country (Passport stamps).</li> <li>▪ Only used household goods which are owned for mor than 2 years, are eligible for Duties exemption.</li> <li>▪ No imported goods may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of for 24 months from their date of entry, unless customs duties are paid.</li> <li>▪ Customs may refuse to grant the Duties exemptions on goods which are not deemed to be Household goods (Construction material, IT equipment, anything motorized that rolls, floats or flies, Alcoholic beverages, Food processing machinery, Food in large quantities, Security equipment such as CCTV or fencing, Art in large quantities, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Diplomatic shipments must be imported within six months after the time of the diplomat's arrival.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All personal effects and household goods must be imported within two months after the returning resident's time of arrival.</li> <li>▪ All personal effects and household goods must be imported within three months after the date of the work or resident permit has been granted to an immigrant.</li> <li>▪ For diplomatic shipments, the diplomatic card (Cartão Diplomático, or "CD") is required for Destination Agent's green light.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The CD can only be requested by your diplomatic mission after your arrival in the country and is issued 2-3 weeks after request.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Any holder of Diplomatic Status will be handed a Diplomatic Card and treated the same way, regardless of whether the person is a career (Civil servant) Diplomat representing a Nation, or not.</li> <li>▪ Any Diplomat, regardless of its seniority, prestige and stature, or nationality, is treated the same way by Mozambican Authorities.</li> <li>▪ FIDI Guidelines prohibit bribing and</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> <li>▪ Copies of your ID</li> <li>▪ Signed Valuable Inventory in USD (max. 50'000 USD for import)</li> <li>▪ NUIT Certificate or NUIT Card</li>   <li>▪ Returning Mozambican Diplomats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letter from MINEC</li> <li>▪ Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> <li>▪ Mozambique Tax Number</li> <li>▪ Signed Valued Inventory in USD (max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ Mozambique Citizen ID Card</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ Incoming Foreign Cleric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letter of Assurance from the Ministry in Charge of Religious Affairs (MJCR)</li> <li>▪ Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> <li>▪ Mozambique Tax Number</li> <li>▪ Signed Valued Inventory in USD (max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ Copies of the visa in your Passport</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally, the files are submitted to Customs with copies only. However, Customs officials may at times request to consult the original documents.</li>   <li>▪ A shipment valued at more than 50'000 USD, will be charged a fee of 0.85% of its CIF value, regardless of the Importer's status.</li>   <li>▪ Importers are eligible to Duties exemption for 1 Sea import and 1 Air import (or Road Import) within the first 6 months of their arrival. Additional Imports with the same mode of transport, or made later than 6 months after one's arrival, will likely not be granted Duties exemption.</li>   <li>▪ Workers and Missionaries of Religious institutions recognized by the Ministry in charge of Religious Affairs (MJCR) are eligible to import Duties exemption.</li> </ul>	<p>facilitation payments and requests to proceed this way will not be considered by your local FIDI representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional Household Goods to be imported as a consequence of a spousal reunion (Whether Expatriate or Diplomat), can be granted Duties Exemption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kindly contact your FIDI representative in Mozambique for more information.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ Duties on the Import of Vehicles in Mozambique range generally from 70 to 110% of the value of the vehicle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please ask a simulation to your FIDI representative in Mozambique, before sending a vehicle.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>▪ Vehicle import via the Ro-Ro terminals, comprise notable risks of extra charges and extra costs due to the very high parking fee at the Ro-Ro terminals (Maputo in Particular).</li>   <li>▪ Customs do not publish an official list of the documents requested. The list is informal. Therefore, Customs are entitled to ask for additional Documents from the Importer, if they wish to.</li>   <li>▪ Mozambique NUIT (Tax number), is required from everyone, including Foreign Diplomats. It can be obtained after your arrival in Mozambique and usually takes 2 weeks to be issued.</li>   <li>▪ If a Diplomat imports large quantities of</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Motor vehicles, motor cycles, Quad bikes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vehicle Import for Incoming Foreign Diplomats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letter from your Employer</li> <li>▪ Copy of your Diplomat Card issued after your arrival by MINEC</li> <li>▪ Valid Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Invoice (max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ NUIT from the owner of the vehicle / Mozambique Tax Number Certificate</li> <li>▪ Modelo 75 filled and approved by MINEC</li> <li>▪ Vehicle import for returning Mozambique diplomats</li> <li>▪ Letter</li> <li>▪ NUIT</li> <li>▪ Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Moz. Border Stamps in the Passport</li> <li>▪ Invoice (Max. 50 KUSD for Import)</li> <li>▪ MOZAMBIQUE ID</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Vehicle imports for incoming Expats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NUIT</li> <li>▪ Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Invoice</li> <li>▪ Bank Acknowledgment</li> <li>▪ Proof of Duties payment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motorbikes or Quad bikes (even offroad) are considered Vehicles, as much as a Car, and therefore count as 1 vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Diplomats can Import 1 vehicle under their name.</li> <li>▪ MINEC and Customs may or may not accept that a second vehicle (from another family member) be Imported duty-free. Please verify with your Diplomatic mission before sending a vehicle.</li> <li>▪ The second vehicle must be owned by the other family member and documents must be in his/her name. The same applies to returning Mozambique Diplomats</li> <li>▪ Duties are charged upon the sale (In Mozambique) of a vehicle previously imported duty-free by its Diplomat owner, if the sale of the vehicle occurs within the 5 years following its Import. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Beyond the first 5 years, the vehicle can be sold without prior Duties payment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Alcoholic Beverages, Customs may, or may not, grant full Duties Exemption.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Modelo 75” (Diplomat Alcohol or Vehicle Import request) is to be submitted by your Diplomatic mission at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Maputo (MINEC). Approval can take 2-6 weeks.</li> <li>▪ Clearing in Beira and Nacala Ports is generally similar in terms of costs and delays as Maputo Port, however should you require service into those ports, please consult first with your local FIDI representative.</li> <li>▪ Customs may request official translations of Vehicle invoices or other documentation emitted in another language than Portuguese or English.</li> <li>▪ Customs may request to consult the original invoices of the Vehicles.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Specific cases</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For the Import of the following into Mozambique, please contact your FIDI representative in Mozambique: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pet (Live Animal) import</li> <li>▪ Returning Deceased Person’s remains</li> <li>▪ Commercial goods</li> <li>▪ Animal remains or ornaments</li> <li>▪ Guns / Firearms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motorized Flying and Floating vehicles are subject to a previous authorization to import and to specific legalization process</li> <li>▪ Medicines and hospital equipment are subject to previous authorization by the relevant authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pets are subject to import control and the process is relatively easy for Cats, Dogs and Horses. It may be more complex for other animals.</li> <li>▪ Applications should be made to the Director of Veterinary Services.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Medicines, Hospital equipment</li> <li>▪ Sailboats</li> <li>▪ Import of other motorized vehicles (floating or flying)</li> <li>▪ Etc.</li> </ul>		
<b>Prohibited Articles</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drugs, narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic materials.</li> <li>▪ Offensive weapons.</li> <li>▪ Forged documents.</li> <li>▪ Animal remains of any kind.</li> <li>▪ Counterfeit money.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Useful Information</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs clearance for household goods arriving in Sea containers normally takes 5-7 working days.</li> <li>▪ Customs clearance for vehicles arriving in Sea containers normally takes 7-10 working days.</li> <li>▪ Customs clearance for vehicles arriving by Ro-Ro normally takes 7-10 working days.</li> <li>▪ Customs clearance for household goods arriving by Air normally takes 4-5 working days.</li> <li>▪ In most cases, Customs may request BL originals in Mozambique.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Citrus fruits, seeds, and deciduous plants may not be imported unless an import licence has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural authorities.</li> <li>▪ Persons visiting, or returning residents may import alcoholic beverages into Mozambique. Those who are 18 years or older may import up to a maximum of 5 litres of alcoholic drink, of which not more than 2 litres may be spirits.</li> <li>▪ Firearms may be imported with a special permit from the Secretary of Home Affairs.</li> <li>▪ For precious metal jewellery, customs duty may be required to be deposited.</li> <li>▪ For new furniture and household goods, freight charges apply, and invoices are required.</li> <li>▪ For inheritances, no duties are payable provided the following documents are presented:</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of the will</li> <li>▪ Death certificate</li> <li>▪ Letter from the executor</li>   <li>▪ For wedding trousseaux, freight charges apply and invoices are needed.</li> </ul>



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