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<td>Returning Resident</td>
<td>☐ Packing lists in English.  ☐ Original valid passport.  ☐ TIN (tax identification number).  ☐ Invoice for all new items.  ☐ Expired visa from abroad.  ☐ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).  ☐ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.</td>
<td>☐ Non-diplomatic goods are subject to 100% inspection / physical verification.  ☐ New items will be taxed.  ☐ All wooden furniture and electronic appliances will be excise duty taxed with no exemption for non-diplomats.  ☐ Liquor, wine, spirit, medicine, cigarettes are not allowed.</td>
<td>☐ For all returning citizens, the destination agent will need shippers’ original passport (with entry stamp) and expired visa from abroad.  ☐ Copy TIN certificate.  ☐ Copy of Abroad visa.</td>
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<td>Expatriate (non-diplomat)</td>
<td>☐ Packing lists in English.  ☐ Original valid passport.  ☐ TIN (tax identification number).  ☐ Original Work permit.  ☐ Original Residence Permit  ☐ Copy of employment contract.  ☐ Invoice for all new items.  ☐ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).  ☐ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.  ☐ Working contract is sometimes asked by customs especially for cross border shipments.</td>
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<td>☐ The destination agent will need shippers’ original passport (with entry stamp), original work permit, original resident permit and copy of the personal TIN certificate.</td>
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<td>Diplomat</td>
<td>☐ Packing lists in English.  ☐ Passport copy.  ☐ PRO6 (diplomatic exemption).  ☐ 2 x original Bill of lading/SWB/Telex release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).  ☐ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper.</td>
<td>☐ In order to process the exemption for diplomatic shipments by road, a road consignment note and packing list will be required.</td>
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|       | release/AWB/Road Consignment Note (RCN).  
• TIN certificate | • In order to process the exemption shipping documents will be required from origin  
• Documents are to be express mailed 30 days before arrival of the shipment, in order for the shipper’s employer to apply for the duty exemption. |         |

**General Information**

• Consumables are not considered as used personal effects for the non-diplomatic is prohibited in Tanzania or must provide import permits from Government Authorities.  
• Diplomatic can import consumables but has to have import permits from Government authorities.  
• 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).  
• 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.  
• Shippers’ owned containers will be dutiable.

**Prohibited Items**

• Toy guns.  
• Guns.  
• Oil.  
• Petroleum products.  
• Foodstuff.  
• Alcohol.  
• Pornographic materials  
• Detergents items
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| Motor Vehicles, Motor cycle, Motor boats etc | • Original logbook or Registration certificate or cancellation.  
• De-registration certificate for used cars/boats/motor cycles.  
• Original invoice for new cars / boats / Motor cycles.  
• 2x original B/L.  
• TIN number.  
• Interpol certificate if coming from southern African countries.  
• Road worthiness certificate (Post inspection to Tanzania will cost US$250).  
• Sales agreement. | • Vehicles older than 8 years will be subject to over aged fees.  
• Diplomatic car older than 8 years will be subject to age/aunt dumping taxes. | • 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. Car should be less than 8 years of age to avoid over aged fees. |
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