# Import Customs guide ANGOLA

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  Angolan Returning Citizen or Diplomat  |
| • Copy of valid passport  
  • Copy of visa from origin country  
  • Proof of entry into Angola (emigration stamp)  
  • Copy of Angolan Tax Card  
  • When applicable, original declaration (in Portuguese) from employer in Angola stating position of client and length of the overseas assignment. OR  
  • If the client is a returning Angolan Diplomat, an original declaration from Diplomatic Mission at origin confirming length of assignment abroad and value of goods being shipped to Angola.  
  • Detailed inventory list in Portuguese, valued in USD. |
| • IMPORTANT: For sea and air shipments, if the total value of the goods showing on the detailed inventory list is greater than or equal to 5,000 USD, Angolan Customs will require an import license. |
| • Provided all requested documents have been submitted timely prior to shipment arrival, customs clearance for air shipments will take between 10 and 15 working days. For sea shipments, customs clearance will take between 20 and 30 working days.  
  • Returning Angolan citizens that can prove they have been living abroad for 6 months or more are exempt from duties and taxes on their household goods shipments. The customs Stamp Duty is still levied though (around 3% of the CIF value of shipment) and VAT on importation (14% of CIF value). In the case of a false declaration or should identical items be imported, the client will have to pay a fine and between 50 and 70% of the CIF value, on top of the Stamp Duty amount. Customs inspections are common on sea shipments and systematic on-air shipments. |
| **Household Goods/PE**  
  Foreign Diplomats  |
| • Copy of diplomatic passport  
  • Copy of Angolan Diplomatic ID  
  • Proof of entry into Angola (emigration stamp)  
  • Copy of Angolan Tax Card  
  • Original "Nota Verbal" and Declaration from MIREX (exemption documents), prepared by the host Diplomatic mission in Angola. |
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  • Diplomatic consignments are exempt from duties and taxes provided the complete set of documents is presented timely and accurately. |

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  - Copy of valid passport  
  - Copy of Diplomatic Card at Origin  
  - Copy of client’s Angolan Tax Card  
  - Original declaration from Diplomatic Mission at origin confirming length of assignment abroad, and value of goods being shipped to Angola.  
  
  • In addition to the above, for foreign Diplomats:  
  - Copy of Diplomatic passport  
  - Copy of Angolan Diplomatic ID  
  - Copy of client’s Angolan Tax Card  
  - A detailed inventory list in Portuguese, valued in USD  
  - Original Note Verbal and Declaration from MIREX (exemption documents), prepared by the host Diplomatic mission in Angola. | • Import of communication equipment (new or used) is prohibited unless a license is obtained from the Angolan Ministry of Telecommunications (INACOM). | including Diplomats, pay duties and taxes on their vehicles. Consignments including a car need an Import License regardless of their value.  
• All containers shipped with vehicles will be transferred to FAYOL terminal where they will be inspected. |
| Communication Equipment e.g.: telephones (fixed or mobile), fax machines, voice message recorders, walkie-talkies, tablets, antennas, routers, switches, CCTV, servers, internet devices, security systems, etc. | | • The client must present valid invoices or certificates for the devices to the Ministry of Telecommunications to obtain an INACOM licence.  
• To avoid any delays in Customs and consequent fines, the licence should be obtained and submitted to AGS Angola prior to the shipment of the goods. | |