



## Import Customs Guide **MAURITIUS**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Returning Citizens (Mauritian)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Valid original Mauritian passport of the shipper and original passports of his/her family.</li> <li>▪ Client contact details and delivery address.</li> <li>▪ Original residence permits for family members accompanying the client to Mauritius if such family members are not Mauritian passport holders.</li> <li>▪ Detailed, valued inventory dated and signed must cover all the items effects coming to Mauritius.</li> <li>▪ Passport memo.</li> <li>▪ Original Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) customs duties and tax exemption form.</li> <li>▪ Statement from customer attesting that no alcohol or medical product are in the shipment if it is the case otherwise provide detailed inventory value.</li> <li>▪ Detailed valued inventory for any medications or medicinal goods or a signed statement that no such goods are contained within the shipment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Name on the Bill of Lading / Waybill must be the same as on the passport.</li> <li>▪ Passport memo.</li> <li>▪ Shipper must imperatively be present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shipper must apply for a memo passport at the passports and immigration bureau upon their arrival in Mauritius and at least 7 working days before their container is offloaded in Mauritius. The memo passport will be directly sent to customs.</li> <li>▪ Alcohol product subject to custom taxes.</li> <li>▪ Clients should strictly avoid the inclusion of such goods in their shipment as same result in long custom process and incur additional charges.</li> <li>▪ Shipper must be imperatively present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance except if he is a diplomatic client.</li> <li>▪ Original passport &amp; original permits are imperative for customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ Passport Memo to be obtained by the shipper at the Passport and Immigration Office of Port Louis before arrival of the shipment (returning citizen Mauritian only).</li> <li>▪ If goods belonging to a family of shipper (wife, husband, and children) are loaded to a shipment: original passports, residential permits, wedding and birth certificates are imperative for customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ Do not load on shipment: alcohol and pharmacy products.</li> <li>▪ For Air freight shipment, original documents will only be returned upon delivery of goods.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs clearance 5 – 10 working days.</li> <li>▪ Airport and storages charges applicable.</li> </ul>
<b>Expatriate Customer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original passport + copy of last arrival stamp in Mauritius (a copy of the passport should be sent before packing to verify the B/L for approval).</li> <li>▪ Original work permit or original residence permit (A4 and plastic card) or Visa premium copy of the shipper and of his/her family (if their belongings are in the container).</li> <li>▪ Detailed, valued inventory dated and signed, must cover all the items effects coming to Mauritius.</li> <li>▪ Original Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) customs duties and tax exemption form.</li> <li>▪ Detailed valued inventory for alcohol even if there is no alcohol in the shipment – these items are to be strictly avoided.</li> <li>▪ Detailed valued inventory for medication– these items are to be avoided because will cause delay in custom clearance and result in additional charges.</li> <li>▪ Client contact details and delivery address.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Name on the Bill of Lading/ Waybill must be the same as on the passport.</li> <li>▪ Occupation / Residence permit.</li> <li>▪ Shipper must imperatively be present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For Visa Premium, exemption only on clothes and shoes.</li> </ul>
<b>Diplomatic Customer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passport copy.</li> <li>▪ Copy of diplomatic passport &amp; last arrival date in Mauritius.</li> <li>▪ Packing list (dated and signed by the client).</li> <li>▪ Valued and detailed inventory list must cover all items effects arriving to Mauritius.</li> <li>▪ 2 sets of exemption letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be obtained by a local embassy prior to vessel arrival</li> <li>▪ Residence Permit and/or Work Permit of the shipper</li> <li>▪ Client information Request Sheet.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local Embassy address and name of the diplomat should be on the Bill of Lading / Waybill (name of diplomat must be the same as on the passport).</li> <li>▪ Exemption certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Originals for the exemption letter are required to proceed with customs clearance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtaining this exemption certificate takes at least 15 working days.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcohol &amp; Medicine declaration form duly filled by the client and signed, exemption certificate must be granted for these items as well.</li> </ul>		
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passport copy</li> <li>▪ Resident permit copy for foreigners/memo passport for returning residents</li> <li>▪ An Excel sheet of all entries and exits of Mauritius</li> <li>▪ The steering wheel must be on the right side</li> <li>▪ Registration Certificate and all other Registration documents if the shipper is not the owner of the vehicle since year of manufacturing, showing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Year of first registration</li> <li>▪ Car's horsepower/registration certificate</li> <li>▪ Year of manufacturing</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Invoice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supplier's name and address</li> <li>▪ Consignee's name and address</li> <li>▪ Full description of vehicle</li> <li>▪ Vehicle's value</li> <li>▪ Model</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Letter asking permission from customs to evaluate the vehicle</li> <li>▪ Motor vehicles coming from Southern African countries or as per request from Mauritius Custom should have a Police Clearance Certificate from the origin countries before arrival.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import Permit Approval obtained prior to departure of vehicle from origin country.</li> </ul>	



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