

SOUTH AFRICA

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	- DA 304 and P. 1.160. - ORIGINAL Passport including page with date of entry in South Africa. - Avadavat (to be completed in South Africa by the customer). - Permanent residence documents or Temporary residence permit with a work permit. - Detailed inventory for attestation.	Duty free	Owner of the shipment must be in South Africa before Customs clearance can take place. Returning residents must have been out of South Africa for an unbroken period of at least 6 months. If the returning resident has not been out of the country for an unbroken period of at least 6 months, customs will apply duty and taxes. No duty free import will be allowed on a tourist / visitor visa even if there is a pending work/ resident permit application.
Diplomats' removals	- Detailed inventory. - Diplomatic clearance. - Certificate from relevant Embassy in South Africa, and countersigned by South African Department of Foreign Affairs.	Duty free	
Wedding trousseaux	Invoice required.	Subject to payment of duties.	
Inheritance	- Copy of Death Certificate. - Copy of will of deceased or certified relevant extract there from or copy of Probate from the Court, if the deceased died interstate. An English translation is necessary if document is not in English. - Inventory (if copy Will or other document does not specifically detail the goods to be imported) with supporting declaration from the Lawyer confirming that the goods to be imported are the legatee's rightful share of the estate. - Import permit. - Declaration from the Legatee confirming	Duty free entry if the legatee is permanently residing in South Africa. Duty is payable on motorcars, motor cycles and mopeds. A "Letter of Authority" (LOA) is to be issued by the South African Bureau of Standards in Pretoria.	The goods should not be dispatched until the Customs have given authority for Duty free entry.

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	that he is a permanent resident in South Africa and a beneficiary under the Will of the deceased. Special application must be made to Customs.		
New furniture, Household items, Presents and Souvenirs	Detailed inventory with values.	Subject to payment of full duties.	
Works of art, Antiques		Duty free entry if: - Works of art are forming a part of a bona fide household removal, or - Articles are over 100 years old. - These articles have been in the use and possession of the owner for more than 12 months and - Are not for sale or other disposal.	
Precious metal objects		Duty free entry is allowed on the same basis and under the same conditions as furniture and other articles.	
Motor cars, motor-cycles, mopeds, power-driven boats with inboard engines	- Customs form DA 304/A - Registration papers - Document showing that the vehicle has been in the owner's use and possession abroad for more than 365 days before the importation of the vehicle - Original purchase invoice and copy insurance certificate - Import permit issued from the Department of Trade and Industry in South Africa, has to be submitted to Customs at the time of clearance of all vehicles imported into South Africa.	Duty free entry if: The vehicles (cars, motor cycles, mopeds) will not be sold or otherwise disposed of for 2 years after the date of importation. Value Added Tax at current rate is assessed on the imported value of the vehicle.	Temporary residents must pay a CASH Customs Bond to cover full duties and taxes and can only apply for a refund from the South African Department of Customs & Excise of this Cash Bond on proof of re-export of the motor car from South Africa. Returning residents pay full duties and taxes. Temporary residents must provide a customs bond to cover full duties and taxes, and do not need an Import Permit. Foreign Diplomats pay no duties or taxes, subject to provision of Diplomatic clearance certificate, and proof of value.

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	A "Letter of Authority" (LOA) issued by the National Regulator for Compulsory Regulation in Pretoria – South Africa, has to be submitted to Customs at the time of clearance of all motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles) imported into South Africa.	A fee of R1800.00 per vehicle, payable to the National Regulator is applicable.	No left-hand drive motor vehicles new or used purchased after January 1st, 2000, will be allowed to be imported in South Africa. If the left- hand drive motor vehicle is purchased prior to January 1st 2000. It is a customs requirement for the motor vehicle to have been registered in South Africa. If not registered in South Africa, customs will not grant customs clearance. The vehicle must not be dispatched from Origin until you receive the Import Permit from The Department of Trade and Industry and a "Letter of Authority" from the National Regulator for Compulsory Regulation.
Caravans, trailers		Subject to payment of duties.	
Dangerous Goods, Firearms	- Import permit - South African Police Firearm Registrar Certificate SAP 312		
Narcotics, drugs, incitements		Importation prohibited.	
Plants and vegetable products	Phytosanitary certificate.		
Dogs, Cats, Birds	- Rabies Vaccination certificate - Health certificate - Import permit	Import permit granted after the owner has made arrangements for the period of quarantine. Required for pets travelling from most, but not all countries.	
Wine, liquor, alcohol	Import permit obtained from Department of Agriculture, Directorate Plant Health and Quality, Telephone number +27 11 970 3130/1, Fax +27 11 970 3132.	Subject to payment of full duties.	It's necessary to fulfil these conditions before the arrival of the shipment. In order the permit to be submitted, the customer will need to supply the following information:

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	Liquor removal certificate		- Type of alcohol - Trade Name of maker/ winery % alcohol - Year of Manufacture - Seal number/ codes on each bottle - Number of bottles, each type/ make - Value for customs purposes.
Pornographic books and magazines, "walkie-talkie" radios, certain feathers, furs, skins, tusks, etc. of animals coming under the protected species regulations		Importation prohibited.	
Fumigation of wood packaging	All wood packaging utilised on Import Shipments to South Africa must be "ISPM 15" certified at origin. This means that Each wooden crate that comes into the country must be treated against plagues and marked in accordance with the requirement of ISPM 15.	Inspectors from the South African Department of agriculture will inspect Import Shipments at South African Ports to determine that this requirement has been adhered to and obviously shipments containing wood packages not having the ISPM 15 mark will not be allowed into South Africa. We therefore urge you to research this requirement with your suppliers of wood / timber packaging materials at origin to ensure that this South African regulation is complied with.	Inspectors from the South African Department of Agriculture will inspect Import Shipments at Ports to determine that this requirement has been adhered to and obviously shipments containing wood packages not having the ISPM 15 mark will not be allowed in the country. For more details go to: http://www.nda.agric.za

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