

Central African Republic Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - no express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Resident or work permit or letter from the employer
- Non-sale certificate (declaration on the honor that the owner of the goods will not sell personal effects in Central African Republic)
- Bordereau de Suivi de Cargaison (BSC) / cargo tracking note (CTN)
- Personal identification number (NIF)

Specific Information

- The BSC / CTN are compulsory documents for all sea shipments going to the Central Africa Republic, which must be obtained at origin.
- All documents must be provided to agent prior to arrival of the shipment in order to apply and be granted duty free clearance prior to arrival of the shipment.

- A 1% import tax is levied for all personal effects shipment to Central African Republic equal to 1% of declared value.
- Goods that are not exempt from import taxes:
 - Computers 80% CIF + VAT 18%
 - Alcohol 67.5% CIF + VAT 18%
 - Tobacco 77.5% CIF +VAT 18%
 - New electrical appliances 80% CIF + VAT 18%
 - Vehicles 48% - 78% (varies with power of the car) + VAT 18%
- Diplomatic shipments are duty free except for:
 - Computers 80% CIF + VAT 18%
 - Vehicles 0.5% CIF
- All shipments are applicable for RGS tax (0.5% of declared value).
- All shipments are checked by Customs.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Owner of the goods' driver's license
- Original purchase invoice
- Non-sale certificate
- Export declaration (new cars)

Specific Information

- Taxes on vehicles will depend on age, power etc.
- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.
- If the car is new, an export declaration is required.

Pets

Documents Required

- Veterinary health certificate
- Vaccination record

Specific Information

- Dogs and cats coming into the country require a veterinary certificate confirming the animal's prior vaccination against rabies.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunitions must be declared prior to entry into the country (authorization from the territorial administration required)
- Cameras, film and currency must be declared prior to entry into the country
- Tobacco products (2 kg), cigarettes (1000), cigars (250), 77.5% CIF + VAT 18%
- New Electrical appliances 80% CIF + VAT 18%
- Perfume (5 bottles)
- Computer, 80% CIF + VAT 18% (also applies to diplomatic shipments)
- Vehicles, between 48% to 78% according to power of the car + VAT 18% (0.5% CIF for diplomatic shipments)
- Alcohol, 67.5% CIF + VAT 18%
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable and duty free (max 20 bottles)

Prohibited Items

- Narcotics and illegal drugs
- Alcohol - must be sent separately and labeled as "Fond de Cave" (maximum 20 bottles)
- Pornography and subversive materials
- Explosives

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Helpful Website(s):

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/central-african-republic.html>

<http://www.embassy.org/embassies/cf.html>

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Central African Republic](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Central African Republic](#)