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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Detailed inventory
- Packing list (in English)
- Valued inventory
- Invoice of the shipment
- Certificate of exemption from employer or organization
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / telex release / air waybill (AWB)
- Clear report of findings (CRF) issued by the pre-inspection company's representative in Liberia, at the end of the pro-inspection process (non-exempt shipments)
- Diplomatic exemption (diplomats)
- · Waiver of import duties (diplomats)

Specific Information

- Duties and taxes must be paid.
- Import taxes will be claimed on sea freight and air freight.
- Indicate "used personal effects" instead of "household goods" on the OBL / AWB.
- Detailed volumes of the household goods and personal effects should be indicated on the OBL / AWB.

- Documents with OBL / telex release must be delivered to agent at least 10 days prior to shipment arrival.
- Non-diplomatic shipments are subject to pre-shipment inspection at origin.
- The invoice of the shipment must show the value that the government will waive to the employer or organization; agents and customers should create an invoice from the value inventory list (diplomatic and exempt shipments).
- Diplomatic shipments are exempt from import duties and taxes.
- The diplomatic organization must provide agent with diplomatic exemption and documents received from Liberian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (diplomats)
- A copy of the OBL / AWB should be forwarded to the destination agent to start the clearance process prior to arrival of the shipment.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- · Original registration card
- Copy of passport
- Original commercial invoice

Specific Information

- Vehicles older than 12 years cannot be imported.
- Chassis number and number must be indicated on the OBL.

Pets

Documents Required

- Import permit
- Rabies vaccination certificate (from country of origin)
- Veterinary health certificate (from country of origin)

Specific Information

Documents must accompany animals.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

• Flowers and plants (health certificate from the origin country required)

- Perfume (4 fluid ounces), eau de toilette (1 liter)
- New items valued at no more than \$125
- The following items may qualify for free import by adults within the limits indicated:
 - o Cigarettes (200), cigars (25), tobacco (250 grams)
 - Consumable spirits / wine (1 liter)

Prohibited Items

- Unlawful drugs
- Weapons and ammunition
- Explosives
- · Counterfeit items
- · Pornographic material
- Meat and meat products

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):

http://www.state.gov/p/af/ci/li

http://www.liberianembassyus.org

Cultural and Other Information

CIA World Factbook Entry for Liberia

Wikipedia Entry for Liberia