

Rwanda Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Detailed inventory
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - no express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original valued inventory in English or French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Letter of employment
- Long-term visa / work permit
- Non-governmental organization registration certificate (NGOs) / copy of work contract
- Taxpayer ID number from Rwanda Revenue Authority (TIN) (even for exempted categories)

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.

- Proof of ownership must show used vehicle owned by the owner of the goods for a minimum of 12 months.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Copy of passport
- Original purchase invoice
- Insurance certificate / proof of ownership

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.
- Proof of ownership must show used vehicle owned by the owner of the goods for a minimum of 12 months.

Pets

Documents Required

- Pet passport
- Rwanda veterinary certificate
- Rabies certificate
- Proof of ownership

Specific Information

- Pets should be vaccinated at least 30 days prior to entry into Rwanda; however, they must not have been vaccinated more than 12 months prior to entry.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)
- A certificate of free entry must be obtained from the Line Ministry Alcohol and other spirits :
 - Only "Fond de Cave" is acceptable (less than 15 bottles).
- If the value is higher than \$5000, the owner of the goods must apply for an import license and a pre-shipment inspection must be conducted at origin; alcohol should be sent separately from the household goods.

- Local currency (maximum of 5,000 Rwandese Francs)
- The following household goods may be imported duty free by persons 16 years and older within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (2 cartons)
 - Alcoholic beverages (2 liters)

Prohibited Items

- Illegal drugs
- Transmission equipment
- Live or dead animals and foodstuff from countries where an epidemic has been present and has been included in a health risk by Rwanda authorities (contact nearest embassy for specific information)
- Pornography
- Items infringing on copyrights

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/rw>

<http://www.rwandaembassy.org>

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Rwanda](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Rwanda](#)