



## Import Customs Guide **MADAGASCAR**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Household Goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The origin agent is required to provide the destination agent with the following documents:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ORIGINAL packing list</li> <li>▪ Valued export declaration from origin customs</li> <li>▪ ORIGINALS of 2 Bills of Lading (OBL) – or – Telex release/Seaway bill/Airway bill</li> <li>▪ Cargo Tracking Slip (BSC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ RETURNING CITIZEN AND MALAGASY DIPLOMATS:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Client's passport more than one year old</li> <li>▪ Order of assignment</li> <li>▪ Order for repeal</li> <li>▪ Original detailed inventory and signed by the Madagascar Embassy or Malagasy Consulate</li> <li>▪ Madagascar Embassy/Malagasy Consulate Relocation Certificate or MFA Non-representation Certificate</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Change of Residence from the Town Hall of Departure</li> <li>▪ Residence Document (Visa / Resident Card)</li> <li>▪ A letter to the Head of Customs Regulation and Legislation Department</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For all imports of household goods into Madagascar strict compliance is required for customs regulations to avoid paying the import duties which are around 44% of the cost and freight.</li> <li>▪ The customs regulations in Madagascar are quite complex and you must be sure to request the approval of your agent at destination prior to shipment. The list of documents is not exhaustive and Malagasy customs reserves the right to request further documentation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please note that the customs authorities in Madagascar operate an SGS managed cargo tracking system (CTN / BSC) for ALL NON-DIPLOMATIC SHIPPERS.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The origin agent must provide the destination agent with a valued HHG export customs declaration entry from your customs authority customs as soon as the shipment has left.</li> <li>▪ While the destination agent is ready to assist with the tracking process, it is the ultimate responsibility of the shipper to proceed with this process – see <a href="http://www.bscomg.sgs.com/">http://www.bscomg.sgs.com/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>Prohibited and non-duty exempted items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Firearms and ammunition</li> <li>▪ Any new items (used HHG / PE only).</li> <li>▪ Household / garden tools are subject to import duty even if used.</li> <li>▪ Non-prescription drugs</li> <li>▪ Alcohol</li> <li>▪ More than 1 type appliance per shipper i.e.. 2 hair dryers not allowed</li> <li>▪ Vegetable matter of any kind</li> <li>▪ Pornographic materials of any kind</li> <li>▪ Foodstuffs</li> <li>▪ Animal skins</li> </ul>	
<b>Vehicle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original registration card or certified copy by the Madagascar Embassy or Consulate (for non-diplomats) for the vehicle and/or motorcycle, as applicable (registration in the applicant's name showing for more than one year).</li> <li>▪ Vendor invoice is required for new vehicles.</li> </ul>		<p>Importation of vehicles with right-hand steering wheel is not allowed in Madagascar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ See notes under 'Household Goods'.</li> <li>▪ For all non-diplomatic shippers' vehicles are unloaded from the sea container at the port of entry and subject to Gasynet inspection in port before delivery to Antananarivo by a special vehicle carrier. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Please note that the inspection process is lengthy and will probably lead to port storage charges.</li> <li>▪ These charges must be settled in full by the shipper before delivery.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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