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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Personal Effects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreign citizens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of valid passport, particularly copies of the photo page(s) and the long-term visa page. ▪ Original valued inventory in English or French, dated and signed by the shipper ▪ T.I.N. (Taxpayer Identification Number) ▪ Letter from the employer explaining that the client is starting a new contract in Rwanda. ▪ Diplomats: add to the above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For Rwandan diplomats, all documents must be signed and stamped by their embassy in origin country ▪ NGO registration certificate (for NGO clients) ▪ Diplomatic ID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be granted duty free clearance, all documents must be provided to the removal company three weeks prior to arrival of the shipment. ▪ All new items are subject to payment of duties and taxes. ▪ Returning Rwandans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rwandans returning home after a year overseas are exempt from customs duties on their personal effects and vehicle if they have owned them for at least a year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The duty exemption is by law admitted when shipment is imported within 3 months (90 days) of first entry stamp arrival in Rwanda. Practically Customs, on case by case, can extend this period to 360 days from such arrival as the Commissioner General may allow.
<p>Motor Vehicles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original registration card ▪ Copy of passport ▪ Original purchase invoice ▪ Letter of guarantee completed by the diplomatic administration (if diplomat) or by bank / insurance (if private client) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Left-hand drive vehicles only. ▪ Car registration fees will be determined by the vehicle's engine capacity. ▪ The chassis number, engine number and capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model will need to be communicated. 	

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Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A certificate of free entry must be obtained from the ministry (except for diplomats). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All alcohol bottles must be marked "Fond de Cave". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total bottles must not exceed 15 bottles.
Prohibited Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drugs ▪ Telecommunications equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons and ammunition are subject to authorisation from territorial administration



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