

# Cameroon Country Guide - IAM

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## Country Guide: Cameroon

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### 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

- Purchase invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Certificate of change of residence
- Bordereau Electronique de Suivi de Cargaison (BESC) / Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN)
- Exemption of duty and taxes (diplomats)

### **Specific Information**

- All documents must be provided to the destination agent 4 weeks before arrival of the shipment to obtain duty free clearance.
- If Bordereau Electronique de Suivi de Cargaison (BESC) / Electronic Cargo Tracking Note (ECTN) is not completed prior to departure, a fine of 200 Euro will apply.
- Customs clearance for a full container load (FCL) is approximately 7-11 days.
- All items less than 6 months are dutiable at 64-71% CIF.
- There is a statistics levy by Customs of 11% for all non-diplomatic shipments.
- There is a statistics levy by Customs of 0.7% on all diplomatic shipments.
- Customs inspections fees:
  - Approximately 210 Euro / 20' container
  - Approximately 320 Euro / 40' container
- Mandatory local insurance (1% of value of the goods).

## **Motor Vehicles**

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### **Documents Required**

- Original registration card
- Original purchase invoice
- OBL / AWB

### **Specific Information**

- The vehicle must be identified on the packing list.
- The taxes on vehicles will depend on age, power, etc. at approximately at 60% of the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF).
 

The Customs administration will assess the value in most cases.
- The OBL must show the VIN number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model of the vehicle.

- Customs clearance takes approximately 2 weeks and may take longer if the vehicle is shipped with household goods.

## **Pets**

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### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

### **Specific Information**

Documentation must be received by the destination agent prior to import.

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

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- New items
- Cigarettes, cigars, tobacco
- Perfume
- Currency
- Engines
- Cars, planes, boats, motorcycles
- Televisions containing cathode ray tubes (only flat screen televisions are permitted)
- Food items, including wines and oils

### **Prohibited Items**

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- Drugs
- Firearms and ammunition (authorization from the territorial administration required)
- Counterfeit goods
- Pornographic content or materials
- Ivory, ostrich egg, turtle shell, corals, shell, stuffed animal, animal skin

**IAM Note:** Taxes, fines, or additional port and demurrage charges may be incurred for violations.

## Consignment Instructions

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

## Cultural and Other Information

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[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Cameroon](#)