

Equatorial Guinea Country Guide - IAM

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Country Guide: Equatorial Guinea

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Packing list in English, French, or Spanish
- Original visa
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB)

- Detailed valued inventory in French or Spanish, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Purchase invoices must clearly identify electrical items, date, year, and place of purchase
- Invoices for all electrical items less than 6 months old
- Original certificate of transfer on employer letterhead with start date of employment
- Duty-free certificate (diplomats)
- Move certificate issued by the City Hall at origin
- Change of residence certificate and detailed valued inventory list, stamped, and signed by the consulate of Equatorial Guinea in the origin country (returning citizens).
- Diplomatic franchise (diplomats)

Specific Information

- Used household goods are not duty free for returning residents, returning diplomats, and people coming to work in Equatorial Guinea, except those working for companies that have a protocol agreement with the government in which an exemption of duties is clearly stipulated.
- The attendance of the owner of the goods is not required for import Customs clearance.
- The taxes for import are outlined as follows:
 - No duties or taxes for diplomats
 - 10% on all used household goods based on the declared value as per valued inventory list
 - 51.9% on new car
 - 38% on appliances
 - 30% for food (no tax if reasonable quantity)
 - 110 % for alcohol or tobacco (no tax if reasonable quantity)
- It takes approximately 8 days to get the franchise; demurrage and storage charges may be charged during this time (diplomats).

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- OBL / AWB
- Letter of employment
- Purchase invoice
- Insurance document

- Sale / purchase certificate
- Car registration documents
- Insurance documents
- Inspection certificate (service)
- Pictures of the car

Specific Information

- If the car is imported as personal effects, under the name of the owner of the goods, and was owned for at least 6 months, then no import duties will be charged; if not, duties of 51.9% CIF value are applicable.
- OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.
- If the shipment is not diplomatic, 62% CIF duties are applicable.
- Authorization from the Ministry of Transportation in Equatorial Guinea and from the Port Authorities is required and must be obtained before shipping from origin port.

Pets

Documents Required

- Rabies vaccination certificate
- Veterinary health certificate

Specific Information

All animals subject to examination by a Customs veterinarian.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Alcohol (only “Fond de Cave”) is acceptable and duty free (maximum 20 bottles)
- Weapons and ammunition (permission required)

- The following items may be imported duty free:
 - Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration required)
 - Tobacco (250 grams), cigars (50), cigarettes (200)
 - Perfume (reasonable quantity)
 - Currency greater than XAF 50,000

Prohibited Items

- Drugs
- Pornography, defamatory, or obscene publications
- Clothing resembling that of the military
- Books and movies relating to wars or terrorist events
- Binoculars and high-tech cameras

Consignment Instructions

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

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Equatorial Guinea](#)