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## **Find a foreign embassy in Zimbabwe**

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### **Used Household Goods and Personal Effects**

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#### **Documents Required**

- Original passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Original inventory of all items (with serial numbers of electrical appliance to be written on)
- Original packing list with values in USD and English
- Freight invoice - for customs clearance purposes
- Resident / work permit / letter of employment

#### **Specific Information**

- Resident stamp / work permit / letter of employment / termination letter must explain details of new contract in Zimbabwe.
- Returning citizens must have payslips for the past 2 years and a bank statement for last 6 months, along with an exit stamp of when the owner of the goods left (required for interview with customs) (returning resident).
- Letter of appointment from organization in Zimbabwe (client is on work permit).
- Those working on a work permit must have letter of appointment from organization.
- Diplomats must have report order letter from the Embassy in Zimbabwe and a diplomatic ID card.
- Goods should be only household goods and personal effects in order to be duty free.
- Owners of the goods must be present during Customs clearance.
- Customs will inspect all shipments.
- Diplomats are exempt from duties.
- Diplomats and returning citizens who live 2 or more years abroad are exempt from duties.
- A duty exemption letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be obtained for diplomatic shipments.

### **Motor Vehicles**

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#### **Documents Required**

- Original registration card
- Certificate of ownership
- Change of residence certificate
- Copy of purchase invoice

### **Specific Information**

- Taxes on vehicle will depend on age, power, etc. (100% to 110% CIF).
- The OBL must show the chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model.

### **Pets**

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#### **Documents Required**

- Certificate of vaccination
- Zimbabwe veterinary health certificate
- Import license (from the Director of Veterinary Services)

#### **Specific Information**

Permission from the Director of Veterinary Services is required prior to import.

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

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- Plants and seeds and animals (agricultural certificate and phytosanitary certificate are required from the Embassy)
- Medication
- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Wine and spirits (2 L)
- Cigarettes (200)

### **Prohibited Items**

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- Narcotics
- Explosive materials

- Foreign soil
- Pornography, defamatory or obscene publications
- Cultural artifacts and other objects of cultural importance
- Henna
- Palm tree and any products thereof

## 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 Zimbabwe](#)

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