



## Customs Guide **MOZAMBIQUE**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Household Goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Immigrants or residents returning after two years:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Immigrant's declaration.</li> <li>▪ Inventory of the goods.</li> <li>▪ Residence permit (Dire) and work permit.</li> <li>▪ Passport copy including page showing visa for Mozambique.</li> <li>▪ Letter from employer or organization confirming employment contract or termination.</li> <li>▪ Bill of lading or airway bill.</li> <li>▪ For returning residents who have been working/studying proof of termination of employment / completion of studies is required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Returning residents after an absence of less than two years:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Immigrant's declaration.</li> <li>▪ Inventory with values in USD.</li> <li>▪ Invoice/receipts of goods being imported since the goods will be paying duty.</li> <li>▪ Bill of lading or airway bill.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The following documents are required for estates from the deceased (goods forwarded to beneficiaries in Mozambique):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certified copy of the will.</li> <li>▪ Statement of the value of the goods by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All immigrants are required to be physically present at the customs clearance.</li> <li>▪ No imported goods may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of for 24 months from their date of entry, unless customs duties are paid.</li> <li>▪ Duties are required to be paid on office equipment, computers, cash registers and telex and telefax machines. Duty is assessed according to the value of the item.</li> <li>▪ For diplomatic shipments, a diplomatic card or letter of identity from the embassy or organization is required. All documents, duly completed and signed by the diplomat must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then Customs for final clearance.</li> <li>▪ Diplomatic shipments must be imported within six months after the time of the diplomat's arrival.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All personal effects and household goods must be imported within two months after the returning resident's time of arrival.</li> <li>▪ All personal effects and household goods must be imported within three months after the date of the work or resident permit has been granted to an immigrant.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the executor of the estate.</li> <li>▪ Written undertaking not to sell or dispose of the goods by the executor of the estate.</li> <li>▪ Copy of the death certificate.</li> <li>▪ Inventory list.</li> <li>▪ Bill of lading or Airway Bill.</li> </ul>		
<b>Motor vehicles, motor cycles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For immigrants or residents returning after an absence of not less than two years, the following documents are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invoice with value in USD.</li> <li>▪ Immigrant's declaration.</li> <li>▪ Passport.</li> <li>▪ Residence/work permit.</li> <li>▪ Proof of ownership and vehicle registration documents from origin.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A returning resident absent for less than two years will not ordinarily be allowed duty free importation, but there are special provisions that may be made, depending on the circumstances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each member of the family over the age of 18 years can import a motor vehicle free of duty and tax, provided the vehicle was in physical existence and fully paid for by the importer before his/her entry into Mozambique.</li> <li>▪ Motor vehicles, like household goods, may not be leased or disposed of in any way, within 24 months of customs clearance, without the prior approval of the Controller of Customs.</li> <li>▪ Requirement to pay duty and import tax on any motor vehicle acquired from outside Mozambique subsequent to one's arrival into Mozambique. This duty can be very high and one should first check with the Department of Customs and Excise to find out exactly how much will have to be paid.</li> </ul>
<b>Pets</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pets are subject to import control.</li> <li>▪ Applications should be made to the Director of Veterinary Services.</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited Articles</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drugs, narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic materials.</li> <li>▪ Offensive weapons.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Forged documents.</li> <li>▪ Counterfeit money.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other Useful Information</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs clearance for household goods normally takes 3 working days.</li> <li>▪ Motor vehicle customs clearances takes from 2 to 4 weeks because client has to obtain a duty exemption.</li> <li>▪ Vehicles have to be brought in within 30 days of being issued with residence permit.</li> <li>▪ Commercial or any other cargo clearances take from 3 to 5 working days.</li> <li>▪ Telex releases not allowed in Mozambique.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Citrus fruits, seeds, and deciduous plants may not be imported unless an import licence has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural authorities.</li> <li>▪ Persons visiting, or returning residents may import alcoholic beverages into Mozambique. Those who are 18 years or older may import up to a maximum of 5 litres of alcoholic drink, of which not more than 2 litres may be spirits.</li> <li>▪ Firearms may be imported with a special permit from the Secretary of Home Affairs.</li> <li>▪ For precious metal jewellery, customs duty may be required to be deposited.</li> <li>▪ For new furniture and household goods, freight charges apply, and invoices are required.</li> <li>▪ For inheritances, no duties are payable provided the following documents are presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of the will</li> <li>▪ Death certificate</li> <li>▪ Letter from the executor</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For wedding trousseaux, freight charges apply and invoices are needed.</li> <li>▪ Customs will assess the value of accompanied luggage, and if the value</li> </ul>

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			<p>exceeds USD250.00, duty is payable on the excess.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For unaccompanied luggage, customs will need proof that the declarant owns the consignment, or customs will charge import duty on the full value.</li> <li>▪ Strict currency exchange control regulations apply in Mozambique. No exports can be made without the approval of the local Reserve Bank, which approves or rejects all applications for foreign currency to spend on shipping and destination services prior to dispatch.</li> </ul>



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