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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Returning Resident</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing lists in English. ▪ Original valid passport. ▪ TIN (tax identification number). ▪ Invoice for all new items. ▪ Letter from former employer confirming end of contract. ▪ 2 x original Bill of lading (or express release) / AWB. ▪ Valued inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper. ▪ Shippers' original passport (with entry stamp). ▪ Valid TIN (tax identification number). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-diplomatic goods are subject to 100% inspection / verification. 	
<p>Expatriate (non-diplomat)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing lists in English. ▪ Original valid passport. ▪ TIN (tax identification number). ▪ Work permit. ▪ Copy of employment contract. ▪ Invoice for all new items. ▪ 2 x original Bill of lading (or express release) / AWB. ▪ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper. ▪ Shippers' original passport (with entry stamp) ▪ Introduction letter from the employer. ▪ Letter from the shipper requesting for permission to use employer's TIN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Non-diplomatic goods are subject to 100% inspection / verification. 	

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Diplomat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing lists in English. ▪ Passport copy. ▪ Exemption letter-MFA. ▪ 2 x original Bill of lading (or express release) / AWB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In order to process the exemption for diplomatic shipments by road, a road consignment note and packing list will be required. ▪ The shipper must be present at arrival of the shipment and must be in possession of his work permit in case of non-diplomats. ▪ Documents are to be express mailed 30 days before arrival of the shipment, in order for the shipper's employer to apply for the duty exemption. ▪ Diplomats can import alcohol free of duties. We recommend consulting your local embassy on the allowed quantities prior to shipping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inventory in English dated and signed by the shipper. ▪ For all first arrivals by air, the destination agent will need shippers' original passport (with entry stamp) and an introduction letter from the employer and a letter from the shipper requesting for permission to use employer's TIN.
General information		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consumables are not considered as used personal effects and are subjected to duties & taxes. ▪ Non-diplomatic shippers will have to pay duties and taxes on all new items (Import duty 25% CIF + VAT 18% of CIF and import duty - 6% withholding tax on CIF) and alcohol (wine 70% - spirits 60% - beer 30% on top of CIF + Import duties + VAT). ▪ All imports should arrive in the country after the importer has acquired a work permit from the immigration. Customs allows you three months in which to import your used personal effects duty free and there after duties will be paid in full. ▪ If a container is not on a Through Bill of Lading (TBL), we will need two original Bills of lading 15 days prior to arrival of the Vessel in Mombasa. Otherwise, port storage charges will accrue and will be charged to shipper. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea and road freight shipments are cleared under the Single customs Territory (STC) in Mombasa port and clearance and transit to Kampala can take up to 3 week. ▪ Customs clearance in Kampala can now take 5-6 days for diplomatic shipments and 7-14 days for non-diplomatic shipments. ▪ Clients must appoint agents online for clearance in Mombasa port, at the border and when shipment arrives in Kampala. Same applied to airfreight shipments. ▪ Clients who do not have diplomatic status must go to customs for an interview. This is applicable to all modes of transport. ▪ Your company TIN is required to clear diplomatic and expats air freight shipments.

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Prohibited Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toy guns. ▪ Guns. ▪ Oil. ▪ Petroleum products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to (110 +25+6) % duties and taxes.
Motor Vehicles (Motorcycle, Motor boats ...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original logbook or Registration certificate or cancellation. ▪ De-registration certificate for used cars/boats/motor cycles. ▪ Original invoice for new cars/ boats/Motor cycles. ▪ 2 original B/L. ▪ Shipper's Uganda Tax Identification Number. ▪ Interpol report confirming ownership. ▪ Roadworthiness certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicles older than 8 years will be subject to full duties and taxes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Returning Ugandans and non-diplomats are allowed only one car, which must be owned more than 12 months to qualify for exemption from duties / taxes.



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