

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>Household goods and personal Effects</p>	<p>1. Immigrants or Returning residents after an absence of not less than 2 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The immigrant's Declaration • Undertaking Form 170 for personal and household effects issued in Zimbabwe. • The person's valid passport. • Residence or Work Permit. • The Bill of Lading or AWB. • Inventory with serial numbers of electrical appliances. • Valued inventory • For returning residence who have been working/studying out of Zimbabwe: proof of termination of employment /completion of studies is required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If shipper was working, has to produce letter of appointment from the company he/she was working for; Contract of Employment; Termination of contract from the same company; payslips from the last 2 years or more; tax returns for the last 2 years or more (P60s if coming from UK); P45 if available; • If shipper was a student, transcript and/or certificate • Date on passport for exit out of Zimbabwe and another page showing Acceptance as a Returning Resident (Accepted RR), if accepted as a returning resident then that person will be exempted from paying duties. • Owner to be present for customs clearance (all documents to be handed over directly to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Household goods exclude: Firearms, motor vehicles, motor caravans, Swords, more than 1 motor vehicle per person, commercial items, machines, medicine, alcohol (limitation to 5 litres), Hunting Trophies (Ivory, Skulls, Animal skins,...); limitation also for special items such as Antiques and Art (if in quantity); any effects brought in quantity could be suspected to be for commercial use. • No customs duties if the client has a work or residence permit. ▪ No customs duties applicable if the client is a returning resident and has lived outside Zimbabwe for 2 years or more and can prove it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All immigrants are required to be physically present at Customs for customs clearance Physical Examination and Interview ▪ No imported goods may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of for 24 months from their date of entry, unless customs duties are paid. ▪ All personal effects and household goods must be imported within three months after the returning resident's time of arrival or after the time the work or resident permit has been granted to an immigrant. • It takes about two days to clear through customs for returning residence and those coming on residence/work permit. ▪ Time Frame for import clearance from TOE Harare and from AOE Harare Sea shipments → 5 to 7 working days* Air shipment → 3 to 4 working days* <p>*providing all requested documents are in order and that customs gives shipper a Physical Examination Date quickly (their decision)</p>

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	<p>customs officer during the Interview;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport copy showing exit stamp and permit of previous country (it MUST be a Zimbabwean Passport) • valued Inventory of the shipment in English and in USD • Bank statement for the last 3 to 6 months • After being stamped Accepted Returning Resident, the shipper has 90 days to import his/her effects in Zimbabwe duties free • The immigrant's Declaration for = Form 170 for personal and household effects issued in Zimbabwe. • The Original Bill of Lading or Sea Way Bill or Express Release or ROAD manifest or AWB. • Freight Invoice for sea shipment • Inventory with serial numbers of electrical appliances. • After being stamped Accepted Returning Resident, the shipper has 90 days to import his/her effects in Zimbabwe duties free. <p>2. Returning residents after an absence of less than two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrant's Declaration. • Undertaking Form. • Proof of original export if it's a re-importation • Invoice/receipts of goods being imported since the goods will be paying duty. • Valued Inventory. • Same as above • Previous export documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duties will be applicable if the client has lived for less than 2 years outside Zimbabwe ▪ No customs duties if the client has a work or residence permit and documentation in order 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If export documents not available Duties will have to be paid <p>3. Immigrants after an absence of not less than 2 years / Expatriate or Work Permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of appointment from the company in Zimbabwe • Copy of passport (main pages + copy of visas related to foreign assignments = TEP must be in place) • Valued Inventory of the shipment in English and in USD • The Original Bill of Lading or Sea Way Bill or Express Release or ROAD Manifest or AWB. • Freight Invoice for sea shipment • Owner to be present for customs clearance and Physical Examination <p>4. Inheritance / Deceased estates - Goods forwarded to Beneficiaries in Zimbabwe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of will. • Statement of value of goods by the executor of the estate. • Written undertaking not to sell or dispose of the goods within one year of importation. • Copy of Death Certificate. • Valued Inventory. • The Original Bill of Lading or Sea Way Bill or Express Release or AWB. • Freight Invoice for sea shipment • Passport copy of the beneficiary 	<p>No Duties payable if documentation is in order</p>	

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Diplomats' removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplomatic card and letter of Identity from Embassy/Organisation. • The shipper's passport copy and diplomatic card copy • Duty exempt letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Please note that the diplomats must be in Zimbabwe for the issuance of the diplomatic card and Duty Exempt Letter (delay very variable). This document is required in order for the Embassy/Organization to initiate the exemption process (delay very variable). • The Original Bill of Lading or Sea Way Bill or Express Release or ROAD Manifest or AWB. • Freight Invoice for sea shipment • Valued inventory of the shipment in English and in USD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All documents, duly completed and signed by the diplomat must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Customs for clearance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomatic shipments must be imported within six months after the time of the diplomat's arrival. ▪ Diplomats first clear their Goods through Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then customs. Clearance with Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes Four to Fourteen days and less than a day at customs. takes 3 weeks and a day at customs.
Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original invoice and freight statement ▪ The Original Bill of Lading or Sea Way Bill or Express Release or ROAD Manifest or AWB. ▪ Duties to be paid systematically 	<p>Accompanied luggage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs will assess the value of presents/souvenirs and if value exceeds USD300.00 per individual duty is payable on the excess amount. <p>Unaccompanied luggage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs will need proof that the traveller owns consignment, or customs will charge import duty on full value. 	
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Will. • Death Certificate. • Letter from Executor. 	No duty payable	
New furniture and household goods	Require invoices and freight statement.	Subject to duty.	Not applicable for new immigrants.

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Works of art, antiques	Same as above	Same as above.	
Motor vehicles	<p>See above</p> <p>For immigrants or returning residents after an absence of not less than two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 171 (MV) for motor vehicles = Immigrant's declaration. Passport. Residence permit/Work permit. Original Vehicle Registration Book and all original docs (insurance, invoice...) If a car is being exported from any SADC country there should be a deregistration certificate SARPCCO and should be valid, it expires after 90 days from date of issue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each member of the family over the age of 18 years can import a motor vehicle free of duty and tax, provided the importer before his entry into Zimbabwe purchased the vehicle. Where the vehicle has been recently acquired all relevant documentation including invoices, bank cheques and statements, etc. will have to be produced to the Customs. For a returning resident absent for less than 2 years, vehicle is subject to duty in foreign currency based on full value. Taxes on car will depend on age and engine capacity. it maybe vary between 100% and 110% CIF The OBL must show Chassis Number, Engine number, Capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions on the importation of vehicles. Used and new cars are allowed as long as they were in physical existence and fully paid for by the Diplomat or Immigrant before his time of arrival in Zimbabwe. Only one vehicle per person aged eighteen is allowed duty free and the carrying capacity of the vehicle should be less than fifteen people including the driver. Zimbabwe intent to limit import of cars older than 5 years old, which imply higher duties on those old vehicles if duties are applicable
Alcoholic beverages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons visiting Zimbabwe and Zimbabwean residents returning to their country, aged at least 18 years, may import a maximum of 5 litres of alcoholic drink, of which not more than 5 litres may be spirits. 	
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are subject to import control. Applications for licence should be made in the case of animals to the Director of Veterinary Services. 	
Dangerous goods		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are subject to import control. Applications should be made in the 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ case of firearms and ammunitions to the Secretary of Home Affairs. 	
Citrus fruits, deciduous plants, seeds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May not be imported unless an import licence has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural authorities and a Phytosanitary certificate is required. 	
Drugs, pornographic books, forged documents, counterfeit money		Importation is prohibited.	
Foodstuff		Importation is restricted	
Agricultural equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial invoice • Packing list • Bill of Lading / Airway bill • Freight invoice 	Duty free Treated as Commercial Items (regulation can change any time)	