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Important Note

Operational Warning: Sudan has been in active civil conflict since April 2023, when fighting broke out between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF). As of mid-2026, large portions of the country including Khartoum remain affected by ongoing hostilities, infrastructure damage, and humanitarian crisis. Most international governments maintain "Do Not Travel" advisories for Sudan. Port Sudan on the Red Sea has served as the de facto operational capital and main entry point during this period. IAM members should contact the destination agent and verify current conditions before any shipment is booked.

Documents

Required Documents

- **Copy of passport**
- **Sudanese National ID number (for Sudanese nationals)**
- **Original Bill of Lading (OBL), express release, or Airway Bill (AWB)**

- **Detailed inventory in English or Arabic, dated, valued, and signed by the owner**
- **Letter of employment**
- **Tax ID number**
- **Import permit for printing machines (non-diplomatic only)**
- **Serial numbers of all printing machines (e.g., printers, fax machines) — compulsory for returning citizens**

For Diplomats

- **A1 Form, obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the shipper's diplomatic mission**
- **Diplomatic exemption form (the diplomatic organization applies with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**
- **Yellow copy of MFA form, sent by the Ministry to Sudan Customs (diplomatic organization coordinates this)**

Household Goods — Specific Information

Import taxes are payable on all personal effects for non-diplomats and returning Sudanese nationals. Customs duties are levied based on the assessed value of items as determined by Sudanese Customs.

All non-diplomatic shipments are subject to physical Customs inspection and inspection fees. Documents should reach the destination agent at least 4 days before the shipment arrives. Customs clearance takes approximately 1 week for sea shipments and 48 hours for air shipments under normal operating conditions — though current conflict conditions may substantially affect these timelines.

CDs, DVDs, scanners, and printers in a shipment can delay Customs clearance, as all such items must be screened and permits may be required for printers and scanners.

Diplomats with "A Facility" status are exempt from inspection and duties, but the MFA yellow form must be provided to Sudan Customs by the diplomatic mission.

Current operational context: Port Sudan (Red Sea State) is the primary functioning entry point as of 2026. Khartoum and many inland areas have been severely affected by the conflict. Confirm routing, access conditions, and agent availability before shipping.

ISPM 15 compliance is required for all wood packaging material.

Prohibited / Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Unlawful drugs and narcotics
- Alcohol (prohibited for general commercial import and personal use under Sudanese law)
- Pornographic materials
- Potassium bromides
- Bleaching creams
- Counterfeit goods and currency
- Weapons: firearms, swords, knives, and all similar items including ornamental, toy, and antique versions `PERMIT REQUIRED` for licensed firearms
- Weapon parts and ammunition
- Radio communication equipment and CB radios
- Used/second-hand vehicles (for non-diplomatic importers)
- Wildlife and wildlife products covered by CITES (ivory, skins, live specimens of protected species) `CITES`

Restricted / Dutiable Items

- Firearms and ammunition: import permit from the Intelligence Division of the Ministry of Interior is required `PERMIT REQUIRED`
- Satellite dishes: special authorization from the Ministry of Communications is required for returning residents `PERMIT REQUIRED`
- Photocopiers and printers: import permit required; serial numbers must be provided `PERMIT REQUIRED`
- Plants: restricted
- Food items, including seeds: permission from the Ministry of Interior is required `PERMIT REQUIRED`
- Foreign currency: must be declared on arrival
- Alcohol: prohibited for general import (see Prohibited Items); included in the prohibited commercial imports list, though possession may be tolerated in small quantities for personal use in some diplomatic contexts — verify with destination agent

- Narcotics, pharmaceuticals, and medicines: subject to restriction; contact destination agent for applicable regulations

Note: The FIDI guide identifies a number of items subject to a temporary prohibition on commercial imports that do not apply to personal effects. These include furniture (wood, metal, aluminium), live animals, meat, fish, non-alcoholic drinks, sweets, paint, cereals-based products, leather items, silk products, items containing feathers, umbrellas, straw items, dairy products and eggs (except powdered milk), plastic items, and trees/plants/natural flowers. All of these are permitted when imported as bona fide personal effects.

Vehicles

Vehicle Documents

- **Copy of passport**
- **Original registration card/registration certificate**
- **Original Bill of Lading (OBL), express release, or Airway Bill (AWB)**
- **Original purchase invoice (new vehicles) or commercial invoice**
- **Certificate of origin**
- **Chassis and engine numbers must be identified on the OBL or AWB**
- **Diplomatic exemption MFA Form No. 1 (obtained by the diplomatic organization from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — approved permit required before the vehicle is shipped)**
For Diplomats:
- **Yellow copy of MFA form forwarded to Sudan Customs by the diplomatic mission**
For Diplomats:

Specific Information

All vehicles must be brand new and current-year models. This applies to diplomatic owners of goods as well. Second-hand (used) vehicles are prohibited for import by non-diplomatic personnel.

Diplomats must obtain an approved permit before the motor vehicle is shipped; the MFA Form No. 1 duty-free exemption process begins after the permit is in place.

Chassis and engine numbers must match those recorded on the OBL or AWB. Contact the destination agent to confirm current applicable procedures, as regulations may have been modified during the conflict period.

Pets

Requirements

- **Copy of passport**
- **Airway Bill**
- **ISO 11784/11785-compliant microchip certificate (recommended, not strictly mandatory — but strongly advised; if not implanted, pet must wear tags with owner contact information)**
- **Rabies vaccination record (administered between 30 days and 12 months before entry)**
- **Additional vaccinations: dogs must be vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parvovirus; cats must be vaccinated against viral rhinotracheitis, panleukopenia, and leukemia**
- **Parasite treatment record (internal and external — recommended, not strictly required)**
- **Official health certificate, completed within 10 days of entry by a licensed veterinarian in the country of origin**

Specific Information

Note: An import permit is not required for dogs and cats entering with their owner.

No quarantine is imposed if all requirements are met. Pets not meeting import requirements will be quarantined, returned to the country of origin, or euthanized; all costs are the owner's responsibility.

Sudan does not formally require a rabies titer test. However, Sudan is classified by the World Organisation for Animal Health as a high-rabies-risk country. If the pet will eventually return to its country of origin, a titer test may be required by that country and is recommended regardless.

A government veterinarian will carry out further examination if a pet appears unwell on entry. All associated costs are borne by the importer.

Birds, reptiles, rodents, and other non-standard pets are not subject to rabies vaccination requirements but should have a health certificate and may require additional documentation. CITES-protected species require advance permits from the relevant wildlife authority.

Pre-clearance with authorities before the pet arrives is strongly recommended. Given current conditions in Sudan, importers should confirm that veterinary inspection services are operational

at the intended entry point.

Consignment Instructions

Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences between air and sea shipments.

Documents must reach the destination agent at least 4 days before the shipment arrives. All non-diplomatic shipments will be physically inspected; plan for inspection fees accordingly. Printing machines, scanners, CDs, and DVDs will be screened and can significantly delay clearance.

Conflict context: As of mid-2026, Port Sudan is the main functioning international entry point. Khartoum's airport and port infrastructure have sustained damage from the ongoing conflict. Verify current port and inland routing conditions with the destination agent before booking. Clearance timelines stated in this guide reflect pre-conflict normal conditions and may be substantially longer in the current environment.

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Cultural & Other Information

Sudan — officially the Republic of the Sudan — is a country in northeastern Africa, bordered by Egypt to the north, Libya to the northwest, Chad to the west, Central African Republic to the southwest, South Sudan to the south, Ethiopia to the southeast, and Eritrea and the Red Sea to the east. Following South Sudan's independence in 2011, Sudan remains the third-largest country in Africa by area. The population is approximately 47 million. Arabic and English are official languages.

Sudan gained independence from joint British-Egyptian rule in 1956. It has experienced extended periods of political instability, military rule, and conflict. The most recent civil conflict began in April 2023 between the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces, causing massive displacement and infrastructure damage. Port Sudan on the Red Sea has served as the de facto administrative and operational center during this period.

The currency is the Sudanese Pound (SDG). Sudan is predominantly Muslim; Islamic law applies, and strict social codes govern behavior in public.

- [Sudan — OpenFactBook](#)
- [Sudan — Wikipedia](#)
- [Sudan Customs Service](#) *(verify current operational status)*

- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Sudan](#) *(verify current operational status)*
- [EmbassyPages — Sudan](#) *(WAF-protected; accessible in browser)*
- [FIDI Import Customs Guide — Sudan \(December 2023\)](#)
- [PetTravel.com — Sudan Pet Import Requirements](#)

Quick Links & Resources

- [Find Movers in Sudan](#)
<https://iamovers.mobilityex.com/index.html#/search?loc=Sudan&lat=15.55&lng=32.53&range=50&assocs=800&fvw=c&ctry=Sudan>
- [Foreign Embassies in Sudan](#)
<https://www.embassypages.com/sudan>
- [Sudan's Embassies Abroad](#)
<https://mofa.gov.sd>

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