

Burundi Country Guide - IAM

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Country Guide: Burundi

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of passport
- Letter of employment
- Original packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - no express release accepted / air waybill (AWB)
- Freight invoice or OBL showing freight charges

- Original valued inventory in English or French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Invoice for electrical items and appliances
- Copy of Burundi visa to benefit from exemption
- Certificate of free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (diplomats)

Specific Information

- All documents must be provided to agent prior to the arrival of the shipment to obtain duty-free clearance.
- If the owner of the goods works for an NGO, Embassy, or international organization a “taxe de voirie” is applicable on all diplomatic shipments at 0.85% of the CIF value.
- All used household goods for non-diplomatic shipments are subject to import duties and taxes of approximately 7.5% of the CIF value.
- All new household goods for non-diplomatic shipments will be charged duty and taxes as any commercial goods.
 - Average duties are approximately 40% of the CIF value.

▪ Handling	4% CIF Value
▪ Transactional tax	17% of (CIF + duties + handling)
▪ Clothes	40% CIF
▪ Food	40% CIF
▪ Furniture	40% CIF
▪ Personal effects	25% CIF
- Diplomats must obtain a certificate of free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If granted, the owner of the goods will only be liable for statistic tax which is 1.5% of the CIF value

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Original registration card
- Copy of passport
- Original purchase invoice
- OBL

Specific Information

- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.
- A car older than 8 years is not allowed for importation in Burundi.
If imported, there will be a fine of \$1000 to be paid to Customs.
- The duty rates on cars are as follows:
 - Diplomat 1% handling charge
 - Vehicle more than 10 passengers 15% CIF
 - Tourism vehicle Between 40% and 100% CIF
 - Handling 4% CIF value
 - Transactional tax 17% of (CIF + duties + handling)

Pets

Documents Required

- Veterinary health certificate
- Rabies vaccination certificate

Specific Information

Veterinary health certificate and rabies vaccination certificate are required from the country of origin.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

Alcohol (only “Fond de Cave”) is acceptable and is duty free (max 20 bottles).
If value is more than 500 USD, a pre-shipment inspection will be requested as well as an import license.

Prohibited Items

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Transmission equipment
- Illegal drugs
- Weapons, explosives and ammunition
- Knives and deadly weapons
- Plant and plant products
- Meat and meat products
- Hazardous materials

- Counterfeit money and goods
- Pornographic materials

Consignment Instructions

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

[CIA World Factbook](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Burundi](#)