

South Africa

Ports: Cape Town, Durban & Port Elizabeth
Prohibited: Pornography, Drugs, Ammunition, Or Narcotics
Cont: None

Alcoholic Beverages

Required Documents: (1) Original OBL (2) Import Permit (3) Application for a Certificate of Removal (4) List of Liquor with quantity and value shown.
Customs Regulations: Always stopped for Customs' examination. One bottle of each different wine or spirits will be extracted for tests at a laboratory to ascertain the amount of alcohol.
Clearance: Twenty-one working days. It might take a week before liquor is received back from the lab after tests. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes
Remarks: See the General Notes for Import Permit formalities.

Antiques

Required Documents: (1) Sales Invoice (2) Import Permit (3) Original OBL (4) Antique Dealers Certificate (British Antique Dealers Association, London & Provincial Deal Association, or the South African Antique Dealers Association).
Customs Regulations: Duty free if we have all the documentation at hand. Not always stopped for Customs' examination.
Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes
Remarks: See General Notes for import permit formalities.

Belated Import

Required Documents: (1) Forms DA 304 and P 1.160 in triplicate (2) List of Contents (3) Affidavit (4) Passport (5) Original OBL
Customs Regulations: Duties depend on value being declared; otherwise duty free. Not always stopped for Customs' examination.
Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes
Remarks: See General Notes.

Diplomatic Removals

Required Documents: (1) Diplomatic Certificate (2) List of Contents (3) Passport (4) Original OBL
Customs Regulations: These effects are duty and tax free.
Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes
Remarks: The Embassy should forward all documentation to agent together with client's passport.

Firearms and Weapons

Required Documents: (1) Original B/I (2) D.A. 304 and p 1.160 in triplicate (3) Import permit (4) Form SAP 311
Customs Regulations: Always stopped for Customs' exam. Shipment is extracted until the SAP 311 is stamped by the Customs Dept. The SAP 311 form should then be presented to his local police station who

in turn will issue a SAP 312 form. The Police Authority will then apply for a license on behalf of the importer.

Clearance: Twenty-one working days, and depends if Customs releases the firearms. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: See General Notes for import permit formalities. The SAP 311 should be obtained from a South African Police Station immediately on arrival of the client.

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Required Documents: Nobody can have documentation attested by Customs on behalf of the importer. The importer has to produce his Passport to the Customs Dept. before the forms will be attested proving his arrival in South Africa. Attested completed documentation must be handed to us at least four working days before the arrival of the vessel so that we may pass our documentation through Customs to prevent the consignment being bonded. **IMPORT PERMITS:** Import Permits should be obtained from the Director of Imports and Exports, Private Bag X192, Pretoria 0001 Transvall, South Africa at least two months in advance before emigrating to South Africa. **ADVALOREM WHARFAGE:** This is a harbour charge which is applicable to all imports. It is the value you declare to Customs, calculated at 1.958%.

Customs Regulations: If a client is not in South Africa, nobody may clear that person's effects through Customs. The consignment will be bonded until such time as the client is in South Africa. Bond charges are additional and can be very costly.

Clearance:

Remarks:

Household Goods and Personal Effects

Required Documents: (1) Original OBL (2) D.A. 304 + P 1.160 in Triplicate (3) List of Contents (4) Passport

Customs Regulations: Used household effects are duty free if client has had them in his possession for more than one year. Goods are not always stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: See General Notes

Inheritance

Required Documents: (1) List of Contents (2) Form P 1.160 in triplicate (3) Copy of the will (4) Original OBL (5) Copy of Death Certificate (6) Import Permit

Customs Regulations: Duty free. Not always stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: See General Notes.

New Furniture

Required Documents: (1) Invoices - Itemized and Prices listed (2) Import permit (3) Original OBL

Customs Regulations: Duties, surcharge, excise, V.A.T., etc., are payable. Stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Eleven Working Days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: As long as agent has all the documentation before hand they can proceed with the clearance.

Personal Effects

Required Documents: (1) P 1.160 in Triplicate (2) List of Contents (3) Original OBL

Customs Regulations: This consignment must consist of clothing only. Shipment is always stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Eleven working days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: See General Notes. Also, bedding, books, tape recorders, etc., will be treated as Household Effects.

Pets and Animals

Required Documents: Veterinary Certificate from the Country of Origin.

Customs Regulations: Veterinary Certificate must be presented to Customs Dept. at least 4 working days before the animal arrives in South Africa. Shipment stopped by the State Veterinary Dept.

Clearance: Six days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: Quarantine not always necessary. Depends on the State Veterinary Surgeon. Once the animal has been examined and the Surgeon is satisfied with the condition of the animal, the animal will be released.

South African Returning

Required Documents: (1) Original OBL (2) P 1.160 in triplicate (3) List of Contents (4) Export B/E (proving goods were exported out of South Africa). If not available, the following documents are required: (1) Form DA 304 and P 1.160 in triplicate (2) List of Contents (3) Affidavit (4) Original OBL

Customs Regulations: Cleared duty-free if documentation is in order. Not always stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Eleven working days... Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: See General Notes.

Vehicles

Required Documents: (1) DA 304 A in triplicate (2) Import Permit (3) Passport (4) Temporary license (5) Third party form (6) Original OBL

Customs Regulations: Taxes, duties, excise, surcharge, V.A.T., etc. are payable. Stopped for Customs' examination.

Clearance: Fourteen working days. to obtain temporary licenses, it might take eleven to fourteen days. Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks: Client should complete documentation and present it to the Customs Dept. together with his passport so that Customs may attest the DA 304A form. The documentation should be returned to agent so that agent can proceed with Customs' documentation to clear the car. Customs will examine the car, and if they are satisfied that everything is in order, that the engine number agrees with the engine number stated on the Bill of Entry, only then will they release the car. The Bill of Entry gets stamped at the back and it should be presented to the Traffic Dept. who in turn will issue a temporary license. This license should be presented to an insurance company who in turn will issue a temporary third party. The car may only then be removed and within two days the car should be roadworthy at the Traffic Dept. to obtain the proper licensing of the car, which is obtained at the Receiver of Revenue.

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