



Importing Personal Property Into *Sudan*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- The items have been in the use and possession of the shipper for more than 12 months prior to importation
- The shipper may have household goods and personal effects (excluding vehicles) shipped up to 6 months after their arrival in Sudan.
- All shipments are inspected.
- Shipments by air are recommended to decrease the amount of loss and damage to a shipment.

Note: All new items and electrical equipment are subject to duties.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Visa *
- ✓ Inventory, endorsed by Sudanese Embassy at origin.
- ✓ Certificate from employer for first entrance.
- ✓ Letter from shipper authorizing the Destination Agent to clear the shipment.

* **Note:** A visa will not be granted if there is evidence of a previous visit to Israel.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

- There is a shortage of medicines and trained physicians in Sudan, as a result of the war. It is strongly recommended to get vaccinations for yellow fever, cholera, typhoid, tetanus and meningitis.

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Firearms, ammunition and weapons are strictly prohibited.
- Alcohol is **strictly** forbidden. Shippers arriving with alcohol are subject to immediate arrest.
- Cameras are not restricted; however, a permit is required in order to take photographs.
- Illicit drugs and poisons are prohibited.
- Gold objects of any kind are prohibited.
- Tobacco importation is limited to 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 225 grams of loose tobacco.
- Perfume importation is restricted to reasonable amounts for personal use.
- Importing or exporting Sudanese currency is prohibited.
- Living plants are prohibited.
- Fresh fruit and vegetables are prohibited.
- All printed matter, records, films, tapes, slides, movies, videos, compact discs, computer software, etc. are subject to censorship and confiscation. These items must be packed separately for accessibility.

Note: Importing foreign currency is not restricted but is closely recorded by the Sudanese government. The shipper must complete a currency declaration listing all currency and other valuables. Restrictions introduced in August 1989 make it illegal to possess foreign currency or travelers checks without an official declaration. Consequently, hotels and other such establishments will not accept currency for the payment of bills unless supported by an official declaration. Additionally, foreign currency must be exchanged at official banks or exchange offices only.

IMPORTING ART, MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS

IMPORTATION OF ART AND ANTIQUES:

- Works of art and antiques may be imported provided they are not for commercial use.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Ocean bill of lading or air waybill
- ✓ Detailed packing list
- ✓ Shipper's passport

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- Cars are subject to high import taxes.
- To import a personal vehicle duty-free, the shipper must contact his/her embassy in Khartoum for all details and requirements.
- Duty must be paid prior to the sale of the vehicle in Sudan unless it has been there for 3 years or unless it is sold to a person with duty-free status.
- If you plan to import a vehicle it should be a well-known, small to medium-sized model.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Import license from the Ministry of Trade
- ✓ Proof of ownership
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Proof of insurance

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

- Importation of pets is permitted, provided the proper documentation arrives prior to the shipment.
- Pets that arrive without the proper documentation will be kept in quarantine or they may be exterminated.
- Be warned that cats and dogs from the Temperate Zone may experience health difficulties in Sudan's climate.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Permits issued by the Sudanese government
- ✓ Good Health Certificates, including evidence of rabies inoculations, issued by licensed veterinarians.
- ✓ All health and rabies certificates must be sent to the Sudanese embassy.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.