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Removal goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA 304 and P. 1.160. • ORIGINAL Passport including page with date of entry in South Africa. • Detailed inventory for attestation • Permanent residence documents or • Temporary residence permit and work permit. 	Duty free	Owner of the shipment must be in South Africa before Customs clearance can take place. Returning residents must have been out of South Africa for an unbroken period of at least 6 months.
Diplomats' removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed inventory. • Diplomatic clearance. • Certificate from relevant Embassy in South Africa, and countersigned by South African Department of Foreign Affairs. 	Duty free	
Wedding trousseaux	Invoice required.	Subject to payment of duties.	
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of Death Certificate. • Copy of will of deceased or certified relevant extract there from or copy of Probate from the Court, if the deceased died interstate. An English translation is necessary if document is not in English. • Inventory (if copy Will or other document does not specifically detail the goods to be imported) with supporting declaration from the Lawyer confirming that the goods to be imported are the legatee's rightful share of the estate. • Import permit. 	<p>Duty free entry if the legatee is permanently residing in South Africa.</p> <p>Duty is payable on motorcars, motor cycles and mopeds. A "Letter of Authority" (LOA) is to be issued by the South African Bureau of Standards in Pretoria.</p>	The goods should not be dispatched until the Customs have given authority for Duty free entry.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration from the Legatee confirming that he is a permanent resident in South Africa and a beneficiary under the Will of the deceased. • Special application must be made to customs. 		
New furniture, Household items, Presents and Souvenirs		Subject to payment of full duties.	
Works of art, Antiques		Duty free entry if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works of art are forming a part of a bona fide household removal, or • Articles are over 100 years old. • These articles have been in the use and possession of the owner for more than 12 months and are not for sale or other disposal. 	
Precious metal objects		Duty free entry is allowed on the same basis and under the same conditions as furniture and other articles.	
Motor cars, motor-cycles, mopeds, power-driven boats with inboard engines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs form DA 304/A • Registration papers • Document showing that the vehicle has been in the owner's use and possession abroad for more than 365 days before the importation of the vehicle (original purchase 	Duty free entry if: The vehicles (cars, motor cycles, mopeds) will not be sold or otherwise disposed of for 2 years after the date of importation. Value Added Tax at current rate is assessed on the imported value of the vehicle.	Temporary residents must pay a CASH Customs Bond to cover full duties and taxes and can only apply for a refund from the South African Department of Customs & Excise of this Cash Bond on proof of re-export of the motor car from South Africa.



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	invoice, insurance certificate, etc...) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import permit • A “Letter of Authority” (LOA) issued by the South African Bureau of Standards in Pretoria, has to be submitted to Customs at the time of clearance of all motor vehicles (excluding motor cycles) imported into South Africa. 	A fee of R1800.00 per vehicle, payable to the SABS is applicable.	Returning residents pay full duties and taxes. Temporary residents must provide a customs bond to cover full duties and taxes, and do not need an Import Permit. Foreign Diplomats pay no duties or taxes, subject to provision of Diplomatic clearance certificate, and proof of value. No left-hand drive motor vehicles new or used purchased after January 1st, 2000, will be allowed to be imported in South Africa.
Caravans, trailers		Subject to payment of duties.	
Dangerous Goods, Firearms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import permit • South African Police Firearm Registrar Certificate SAP 312 		
Narcotics, drugs, incitements		Importation prohibited.	
Plants and vegetable products	Phytosanitary certificate.		



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Dogs, Cats, Birds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rabies Vaccination certificate • Health certificate • Import permit 	Import permit granted after the owner has made arrangements for the period of quarantine required for pets travelling from most, but not all countries.	
Wine, liquor, alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import permit • Liquor removal certificate 	Subject to payment of full duties.	It's necessary to fulfil these conditions before the arrival of the shipment.
Pornographic books and magazines, "walkie-talkie" radios, certain feathers, furs, skins, tusks, etc. of animals coming under the protected species regulations		Importation prohibited.	
Fumigation of wood packaging		<p>Effective January 01, 2005</p> <p>Inspectors from the South African Department of Agriculture will inspect Import Shipments at South African Ports to determine that this requirement has been adhered to and obviously shipments containing wood packages not having the ISPM 15 mark will not be allowed into South Africa.</p> <p>We therefore urge you to research this requirement with your suppliers of wood / timber</p>	<p>Effective January 1st, 2005 a new regulation to import shipments packed in wood will be implemented.</p> <p>All wood packaging utilised on Import Shipments to South Africa must be "ISPM 15" certified at origin. This means that each wooden crate that comes into the country must be treated against plagues and marked in accordance with the requirement of ISPM 15.</p>



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		packaging materials at origin to ensure that this South African regulation is complied with.	Inspectors from the South African Department of Agriculture will inspect Import Shipments at Ports to determine that this requirement has been adhered to and obviously shipments containing wood packages not having the ISPM 15 mark will not be allowed in the country. For more details go to: http://www.nda.agric.za