

# Ghana Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Copy of valid passport with entry visa
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - no express release / air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed valued inventory French, signed, and dated by the owner of the goods
- Letter from the employer stating that the client is starting a new contract in Ghana
- PUBD form (personal unaccompanied baggage declaration) to be filled out at the airport of arrival
- Failure to do so will attract heavy penalties and delays in Customs clearance
- Invoice for the electrical and hi-fi appliances and for all the items bought less than 6 months before the shipment's arrival

### Specific Information

- Diplomatic shipments can be imported duty free, provided that the diplomatic organization has received the exemption certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- To apply for this exemption, original documents are needed (including the original AWB) at least 14 days prior to arrival of the shipment.
- Agents must have all Customs documents at least 15 days prior to the shipment's arrival to Ghana in order to obtain the document for free entry.
  - "Diplomatic shipment" to be shown on the OBL / AWB.

## **Motor Vehicles**

### **Documents Required**

- Original registration card
- Copy of purchase invoice
- Certificate of ownership
- OBL
- Non-sale certificate

### **Specific Information**

- The OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cylindrical power, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand, and model of vehicle.
- This information must also be available on at least one of the official car documents provided (certificate of ownership, car title, car invoice, etc.).
- Cars up to 10 years can be imported in Ghana but will be taxed.
- Right hand drive vehicles are banned.
- Cylinder capacity below 1900 cc : 10% C.I.F. value (import duty).
- Cylinder capacity below 2500 cc : add V.A.T. of 10% C.I.G. value and import duty.
- Cylinder capacity over 2500 cc : add special tax of 17.5% CIF value = V.A.T. + import duty.

## **Pets**

### **Documents Required**

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit (from the veterinary head office in Accra)

### **Specific Information**

- Documents must be presented for pet entry into Ghana.

## **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the territorial administration is required)
- Drugs

- Alcohol (“Fond de Cave”) is acceptable and duty free (max 20 bottles)
- Rough or uncut diamonds (license from the Ministry of Finance required)
- Live plants and plant products (a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture is required)
- Poultry products (permission from the Ministries of Trade and Agriculture is required for certain countries); contact agent for specific information.

## Prohibited Items

- Used refrigerator, used air conditioner, and used deep freezer regardless of owner of the goods’ status
- Firearms and ammunition are permitted subject to authorization from the territorial administration
- Unlawful drugs
- Foreign cigarettes without warning notice
- Mercuric medicated soap
- Toxic waste, contaminated goods
- Animals as well as plant and seeds infected with disease
- Foreign soil
- Pornography, defamatory, obscene articles or publications
- Dangerous weapons (including flick and paper knives)
- Alcohol and other spirits are allowed in reasonable quantity (maximum of 10 bottles. Duties will be levied for the excess)

## Consignment Instructions

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

### Helpful Website(s):

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/ghana.html>

<http://www.ghanaembassy.org>

## Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Ghana](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Ghana](#)

