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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
<p>Moved goods</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immigrants or returning residents after an absence of not less than 2 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid Passport • Undertaking Form 170 for personal and household effects. • Immigrant's Declaration • Bill of Lading or AWB • Residence or Work Permit • Inventory with serial numbers of electrical appliances. 2. Returning nationals after an absence of less than 24 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking Form • Immigrant's Declaration • Proof of original export • If any other imported items were gained after emigrating then application for duty has to be made. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed inventory 3. Deceased estates - Goods forwarded to Beneficiaries in Zimbabwe. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of will • Statement of value of goods by the executor of the estate. • Written undertaking not to sell or dispose of the goods within one year of importation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed Inventory • Death Certificate 	<p>Personal effects include: Clothing used personal objects and furniture, including tools, farm and gardening equipment, small workshop equipment or similar items.</p> <p>Excluding: Automobiles, motor caravans, firearms, unless in certain cases. They may be imported duty-free as well as a car radio, which is also considered as a "personal effect".</p> <p>Duty required for office equipment e.g. photocopies, computers, typewriters, cash registers, telex and telefax machines. Duty is evaluated depending to value. One personal computer may be imported duty free under Immigrants rebate.</p> <p>Value Added Tax (VAT) on all services if on inbound shipment is applicable as from 1/01/2004.</p>	<p>Every customs documents for private persons (new immigrants and returning nationals) will be lodged with the Department of Customs & Excise by the individuals personally.</p>
<p>Diplomatic goods</p>	<p>Diplomatic card or Proof of Identity from Embassy/Organization.</p>	<p>All documents, duly completed and signed by the diplomat must be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for final clearance with Customs & Excise.</p>	



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Heirlooms/Bequest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death Certificate • Letter made by Executor • Copy of Will of the deceased 	Entry is free from duty.	
Household effects and New furniture	Require proof of purchase and freight charges.	Liable to duty.	For new immigrants, not suitable.
Antiquity, Artwork	SEE MOVED GOODS.	Liable to duty.	
Valued metal articles		For personal jewellery, customs duty may be needed to be deposited.	
Automobiles	<p>For immigrants or returning nationals after an absence of not less than 24 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrant's declaration • Passport • Form 171 (MV) for motor vehicles • Residence permit/Work permit • New vehicles other than above require proof of registration, proof of purchase, and freight charges. 	<p>All member of the family over the age of 18 years can import a motor vehicle free of duty and tax if the importer before his entry into Zimbabwe purchased the vehicle. Where the vehicle has been recently acquired all relevant documentation including invoices, bank cheques and statements, etc. will have to be produced to the Customs.</p> <p>A returning resident absent for less than 24 months will not ordinarily be allowed duty free importation but there is provision for consideration by Customs which will depend on the circumstances.</p> <p>Bank approval is needed and duty is evaluated on motor vehicles.</p>	<p>Automobiles or household goods may not be disposed of in any way within 1 year of customs clearance without the prior approval of the Controller of Customs.</p> <p>No individual immigrant may import, as personal and household effects, more than one motor vehicle of any sort, and no family of immigrants may import more than two motor vehicles of any sort, one cannot afford to wait until one has been in Zimbabwe for some time before deciding what one would like to buy and import. It is very important to note that one will have to pay the customs duty and import tax in respect of any such goods one may acquire from outside Zimbabwe subsequent to one's</p>



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			time of arrival. This duty can be high and if one plans to order items, one should first check with the Department of Customs and Excise to learn how much will have to be paid.
Liquor		Persons visiting Zimbabwe and returning Zimbabwean nationals, aged at least 18 years, may import a maximum of 5 liters of alcohol beverages, of which not more than 2 liters may be spirits.	
Pets		Under import control. Applications for license should be made in the case of animals to the Director of Veterinary Services.	
Dangerous objects		Under import control. Applications should be made in the case of munitions and firearms to the Secretary of Home Affairs.	
Deciduous plants, seeds, Citrus fruits,		May not be imported except an import license has been obtained in advance from the competent agricultural officials.	
Pornographic books, Drugs, Fake money, forged Papers/documents		IMPORTATION NOT ALLOWED.	