



Uganda Import procedures

1. Guidelines to suppliers

When exporting goods into Uganda, there are formal governmental procedures to be taken into consideration. The write out below will describe the procedures that have to be followed and also state what is required from the supplier at different stages. Unless the following guidelines are followed, there will be delays in the shipment of goods, clearance and delivery to the final customer.

2. GATT (General Agreement on Tariff and Trade) System:

Uganda Revenue Authority i.e. Uganda Customs & Excise follows the GATT system for valuation of imports in to Uganda. In this system, the CIF-value up to port of entry is used for the purpose of calculating applicable import duties & taxes.

Under this valuation system, the importer is expected to avail to URA all originals or copies of the documents listed below:

3. Shipping Documents

Airfreight Shipments original documents

1. Air Way Bill
2. Supplier Invoice(s)
3. Packing List
4. Customs export declaration / export entries from the country of exportation (w.e.f. 01/Jul/2007)
5. Importer's TIN and VAT numbers
6. Insurance certificate, if cargo is insured
7. Evidence of payment i.e. copy of TT transfer, copy of Letter of Credit, copy of Proforma Invoice
8. Export Entries from the country of supply/export
9. Duties and Taxes Exemption Certificates, if any
10. National Drug Authority Certificate / Permit for import of drug and pharmaceuticals

Seafreight Shipments original documents

1. Bill of Lading
2. Supplier Invoice(s)
3. Packing List
4. Customs export declaration / export entries from the country of exportation (w.e.f. 01/Jul/2007)
5. Importer's TIN and VAT numbers
6. Insurance certificate, if cargo is insured.
6. Sea Freight & Inland Freight Invoices
7. Evidence of payment i.e. copy of TT transfer, copy of Letter of Credit, copy of Proforma Invoice
8. Export Entries or Shipping Bills from the country of supply/export
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4. Additional Documents required for specific imports:

1. Phyto-Sanitary certificates for import of agricultural products
2. Registration / De-registration Card of country of origin of old/used vehicles
3. Gift Certificates, if gifted to any organization eligible for duty free clearance
4. Passport of the individual for clearance of personal effects
5. Certificate of Origin especially for goods imported from COMESA countries

Pre-shipment Inspection:

Pre-shipment inspection is **NOT** required for the purpose of customs clearance of imports into Uganda.

5. Imports which are prohibited or restricted

Prohibited Imports:

1. Fire arms
2. Post office equipment
3. Electricity supply specialized equipment
4. Pornographic materials
5. Imports banned under international agreement where Uganda is a signatory

Restricted Imports:

1. Drugs
2. Live animals
3. Wild endangered species
4. Explosives
5. Military hardware
6. Seeds and plants
7. Specialized communication equipment
8. High voltage electric wires and transformers.
9. Cigarettes
10. Used motor vehicle tyres
11. Used motor vehicle batteries

Questions

If there are any questions on this process please contact INTERFREIGHT Kampala.