

CARS & MOTORCYCLES

Very strict rules apply for the importation of motor vehicles into South Africa. Only one motor car or motor cycle is allowed per family and this must have been owned and used for a minimum of one year prior to shipment.

First time immigrants can import one vehicle free of duty provided they have permanent residence status otherwise you will have to lodge 50% of the purchase price with South African customs pending permanent residency being approved. Returning residents have to pay full duties and taxes unless you can satisfy the South African customs that when you originally left South Africa you had no intention of every returning. If you qualify for duty free entry you must not sell or otherwise dispose of the vehicle for two years after importation. Value Added Tax at the current rate is applicable on all imported vehicles based on the 'Customs Value'.

Documents required:

- Customs form DA304/A
- Registration papers
- Proof that you have owned and used the vehicle overseas for more than 365 days
- Import permit
- 'Letter of Authority' (LOA)

The import permit must be applied for from the Department of Trade and Industry, Export and Import Control, Private Bag X192, Pretoria 0001.

The Letter of Authority must be applied for from the South African Bureau of Standards, Dr Lategan Road, Greonkloof Private Bag X191, Pretoria 001. Telephone +27 12 428 6276. Fax +27 12 428 6565

PETS

You will require a Rabies vaccination certificate, Health certificate and an Import Permit.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Narcotics, drugs. Pornographic books and magazines, "walkie-talkie" radios, certain feathers, furs, skins, tusks, etc of animals coming under the protected species regulations.

FIREARMS

You will require an Import permit and a South African Police Firearm Registrar Certificate SAP 312.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further information, visit the website on www.sars.gov.za

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For further information, please contact your local branch of The International Moving Company on 0800 622519.