

# Madagascar Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

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### Documents Required

- Original passport showing the entry permit
- Packing list
- Original bill of lading (OBL) - no express release accepted / air waybill (AWB)
- Original inventory in French dated, valued, and signed by the owner of the goods
- Invoice from JIRAMA (water supplier) at the same address as on the inventory
- Original work permit issued by employer
- Work authorization issued by Labor Ministry in Madagascar
- Original certificate of change of residence issued at origin
- Original residence certificate issued by the Fokontany in Madagascar
- Bordereau de suivi de cargaison (BSC)
- Certificate for free entry

### Specific Information

- The certificate for free entry must be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for duty-free import.
- There is no import duty if household goods are older than 6 months and the importation is considered as a move (change of residence certificate is required).
- The duty on new items is 100%.
- All import shipments are subject to a GASYNET tax of 0.3% of cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value plus 20% value added tax (VAT) of 0.3%.

## Motor Vehicles

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### Documents Required

- Employment certificate issued by the French Embassy (French cooperants)
- OBL
- Purchase invoice
- Certificate of title / registration

### Specific Information

- When household goods and a motor vehicle are in the same container, demurrage

charges are to be expected as the Customs procedure generally takes longer to complete.

- Diplomats are exempt from duties on cars or motorbikes.
- The employment certificate must be provided to agent upon arrival in Madagascar.
- All French coopérants must pay duties as follows:
  - Approximately 59% of the CIF value of the shipment is required if the registration papers have been in the name of the owner of the goods for more than 12 months.
  - Approximately 118% of the CIF value of the shipment if the registration papers have been in the name of the owner of the goods for less than 12 months.
- Private individuals or companies must be duties as follows:
  - No duties are required if the registration papers have been in the name of the owner of the goods for more than 12 months (private individuals or companies).
  - Approximately 118% of the CIF value of the shipment is required if the registration papers have been in the name of the owner of the goods for less than 12 months.

## Pets

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### Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate

### Specific Information

- All animals are subject to inspection upon arrival.
- The veterinary health certificate issued from the country of origin must indicate that the animal does not have a contagious disease.
- Dogs over 3 months of age and cats over 6 months of age must be vaccinated against rabies within 1 month of import.

## Restricted/Dutiable Items

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- The following items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:
  - Cigarettes (500), cigars (25), tobacco (500 g)
  - Alcohol (1 bottle)
- Alcohol (only "Fond de Cave") is acceptable (less than 30 bottles)

## Prohibited Items

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- Firearms and ammunition
- Unlawful drugs

