



Import Customs Guide **MAURITIUS**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Returning Citizens (Mauritian)	- Valid original Mauritian passport of the shipper and original passports of his/her family. - Client contact details and delivery address. - Original residence permits for family members accompanying the client to Mauritius if such family members are not Mauritian passport holders. - Detailed, valued inventory dated and signed must cover all the items effects coming to Mauritius. - Passport memo. - Original Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) customs duties and tax exemption form. - Statement from customer attesting that no alcohol or medical product are in the shipment if it is the case otherwise provide detailed inventory value. - Detailed valued inventory for any medications or medicinal goods or a signed statement that no such goods are contained within the shipment.	- Name on the Bill of Lading / Waybill must be the same as on the passport. - Passport memo. - Shipper must imperatively be present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance.	- The shipper must apply for a memo passport at the passports and immigration bureau upon their arrival in Mauritius and at least 7 working days before their container is offloaded in Mauritius. The memo passport will be directly sent to customs. - Alcohol product subject to custom taxes. - Clients should strictly avoid the inclusion of such goods in their shipment as same result in long custom process and incur additional charges. - Shipper must be imperatively present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance except if he is a diplomatic client. - Original passport & original permits are imperative for customs clearance. - Passport Memo to be obtained by the shipper at the Passport and Immigration Office of Port Louis before arrival of the shipment (returning citizen Mauritian only). - If goods belonging to a family of shipper (wife, husband, and children) are loaded to a shipment: original passports, residential permits, wedding and birth certificates are imperative for customs clearance. - Do not load on shipment: alcohol and pharmacy products. - For Air freight shipment, original documents will only be returned upon delivery of goods.

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			- Customs clearance 5 – 10 working days. - Airport and storages charges applicable.
Expatriate Customer	- Original passport + copy of last arrival stamp in Mauritius (a copy of the passport should be sent before packing to verify the B/L for approval). - Original work permit or original residence permit (A4 and plastic card) or Visa premium copy of the shipper and of his/her family (if their belongings are in the container). - Detailed, valued inventory dated and signed, must cover all the items effects coming to Mauritius. - Original Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) customs duties and tax exemption form. - Detailed valued inventory for alcohol even if there is no alcohol in the shipment – these items are to be strictly avoided. - Detailed valued inventory for medication– these items are to be avoided because will cause delay in custom clearance and result in additional charges. - Client contact details and delivery address.	- Name on the Bill of Lading/ Waybill must be the same as on the passport. - Occupation / Residence permit. - Shipper must imperatively be present in Mauritius at the time of customs clearance.	For Visa Premium, exemption only on clothes and shoes.
Diplomatic Customer	- Passport copy. - Copy of diplomatic passport & last arrival date in Mauritius. - Packing list (dated and signed by the client). - Valued and detailed inventory list must cover all items effects arriving to Mauritius. 2 sets of exemption letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must be obtained by a local embassy prior to vessel arrival - Residence Permit and/or Work Permit of the shipper - Client information Request Sheet.	- Local Embassy address and name of the diplomat should be on the Bill of Lading / Waybill (name of diplomat must be the same as on the passport). - Exemption certificate.	- Originals for the exemption letter are required to proceed with customs clearance. - Obtaining this exemption certificate takes at least 15 working days.

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	Alcohol & Medicine declaration form duly filled by the client and signed, exemption certificate must be granted for these items as well.		
Motor Vehicles	- Passport copy - Resident permit copy for foreigners/memo passport for returning residents - An Excel sheet of all entries and exits of Mauritius - The steering wheel must be on the right side - Registration Certificate and all other Registration documents if the shipper is not the owner of the vehicle since year of manufacturing, showing: - Year of first registration - Car's horsepower/registration certificate - Year of manufacturing - Invoice - Supplier's name and address - Consignee's name and address - Full description of vehicle - Vehicle's value - Model - Letter asking permission from customs to evaluate the vehicle - Motor vehicles coming from Southern African countries or as per request from Mauritius Custom should have a Police Clearance Certificate from the origin countries before arrival.	Import Permit Approval obtained prior to departure of vehicle from origin country.	



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