

## Household Effects & Temporary Importation Of Goods

### HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

The term "household effects" is interpreted to include all goods which are normally necessary to equip a self-contained home, e.g. curtains, linen, crockery, computer, electrical appliances such as stoves, kettles, radios, television set, video recorders, etc.

The term "reasonable quantities" must be interpreted to mean maximum of two article of each such as television sets, hi-fi equipment, etc.

The term "tools of the trade" includes cameras imported by a press photographer, artisans' tools imported by artisans etc.

The term "removable articles" includes trailers, boats and caravans, (excluding ocean going yachts) and equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of the importer other than industrial, commercial or agricultural plant.

### FIRST TIME IMMIGRANTS

First time immigrants may import the following household and personal effects without the payment of Customs duty or VAT, provided they are the bona fide property of a natural person and members of his family, imported for own use :

- Household furniture,
- Other household effects,
- Other removable effects,
- Equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of the person (tools of the trade).

### The following items are excluded:

- Industrial, commercial and agricultural plant,
- Motor vehicles
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products

### Conditions

This concession covers goods imported for the importer's own use only, and such goods may not be sold or disposed of in any other way for at least 6 months from the date of clearance

### Documents required

A signed declaration (form DA304) and form PI.160 which are obtainable from the Controller of Customs & Excise at the port, together with the immigration permit and a full inventory of the goods must be presented when clearance is effected.

## **PERSONS ON SECONDMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA**

Persons who take up temporary residence in South Africa and have the necessary permit issued by the [Department of Home Affairs](#) (e.g. work permit), may import the following items into South Africa free of Customs duty and VAT provided they are the bona fide property of a natural person and members of his family, imported for own use.

- Household furniture,
- Other household effects,
- Other removable effects,
- Equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of the person (tools of the trade).

### **The following items are excluded:**

- Industrial, commercial and agricultural plant,
- Motor vehicles
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products

### **Conditions**

This concession covers goods imported for the importer's own use only, and such goods may not be sold or disposed of in any other way for at least 6 months from the date of clearance

### **Documents Required**

A signed declaration (**form DA304**) and form **PI-160** which are obtainable from the Controller of Customs and Excise at the port of entry passport with relevant work permit and a full inventory of the goods must be presented when clearance of the goods is effectuated.