



## Export Customs Guide **BOTSWANA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Household Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Copies of ID / Passport.</li><li>▪ Detailed inventory for attestation</li><li>▪ Declared value for customs</li><li>▪ Copy Work and Residence permits or Exemption Certificate</li><li>▪ Letter of End of Contract (for non-diplomatic staff)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Personal effects, household furniture including equipment necessary for the exercise of the calling, trade or profession of the person, other than Industrial, Commercial or Agricultural Plant excluding Motor vehicles.</li><li>▪ The bona Fide property of a natural person and members of his family, imported for his own use on change of residence to any other country for the purpose of taking up employment or for the permanent settlement.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A list of effects showing approximate values.</li><li>▪ A residence and work permit are required.</li><li>▪ Letter of end of contract.</li></ul>
Motor Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ De-Registration documents (motor vehicle registration book bearing mention “exported”.</li><li>▪ Motor vehicle clearance for export (issued by Botswana Police).</li><li>▪ An evaluation of motorized vehicle from accredited dealer / consultant)</li><li>▪ Valuation certificate or invoice.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ De-Registration at transport</li><li>▪ Police clearance for export</li><li>▪ Caravans and Trailers :<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Same as for motorized vehicles.</li><li>▪ Subject to De registration.</li></ul></li><li>▪ If towed in with the car on the initial entry into the country,</li></ul>	
Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Export Permit issued by the Department of Water Affairs.</li><li>▪ Postal address at origin and destination</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ No boat, mokoro or aquatic apparatus may be exported out of Botswana unless the owner is in possession of an export Permit.</li></ul>	

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<b>Domestic Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A valid certificate of identity.</li> <li>▪ Rabies vaccination valid</li> <li>▪ Movement permit.</li> <li>▪ Postal address at origin and destination</li> <li>▪ Micro chipped certification</li> </ul>		
<b>Seeds, bulbs, plants, trees (...)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plant Health Certificate from Ministry of Agriculture</li> <li>▪ Postal address at origin and destination</li> <li>▪ List of plants with values</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ These may be imported subject to plant health restrictions.</li> <li>▪ They can only be exported after getting clearance from the destination country.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ South African transit permits may also be required in respect of plants, etc., shipped through South Africa.</li> </ul>
<b>Firearms/Ammunitions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Export permit issued by commissioner of Police.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The exportation of firearms which do not have the manufacturers serial number or other number by which they can be identified, stamped or engraved on a metal part of the weapon, is totally prohibited.</li> </ul>	
<b>Special concessions for technical assistance personnel assigned to other countries by Government of Botswana</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ N/A</li> </ul>		
<b>Prohibited Goods</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The importation and exportation of the following goods in Botswana is completely prohibited : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Narcotic, habit-forming drugs and related substances in any form.</li> <li>▪ Military firearms, ammunition and explosives.</li> <li>▪ Indecent and obscene material such as pornographic books, magazines, films, videos, DVDs and software.</li> <li>▪ Semi-precious stones such as agate, amethyst, Botswana pink, jade, rose quartz, carnelian, chalcedony, crystal quartz, tourmaline, jasper, tanzanite, garnet, moss agate, tiger's eye.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is important to note that possession of prohibited goods is illegal and may result in seizure of such goods and prosecution of the person importing or exporting such goods.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diamonds not allowed for exportation.</li> <li>▪ Items derived or manufactured from protected wildlife species (e.g., ivory, trophies...).</li> </ul>	



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