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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of valid passport. ▪ Original Bill of lading (no express release) / AWB. ▪ Original valued inventory in French dated and signed by the shipper. ▪ ORIGINAL Change of residence certificate (available from city hall from city of departure). ▪ Invoice for all electrical items less than 6 months old. ▪ Resident permit ▪ work permit or letter from the employer explaining the client is starting a new contract in Gabon. ▪ Non-sale certificate (declaration on the honour that client will not sell his personal effects in Gabon). ▪ BIETC (Bordereau d'Identification de Cargaison). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All documents must be provided to Gabon 2 weeks before arrival of the shipment in order to apply and be granted duty free clearance prior to arrival of the shipment. ▪ Bietc is compulsory: http://bietc.cgcworld.com ▪ If this document is not be issued on time a fine of approx. 50% of the freight value + 50% of the shipment value will apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A certificate for free entry must be obtained from the customs head Office. When granted these shipments are duty free. ▪ All new items (less than 6 months old) are subject to taxes. ▪ There is a tax on all imported items of 3 to 4% of CIF value (RUSID Tax) ▪ All shippers are to pay this tax, even diplomats.
Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms, ammunitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be submitted to authorisation from territorial administration. ▪ Drugs. ▪ Alcohol: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only the mention `fond de cave` is acceptable. ▪ Duty free (max 20 bottles). 	

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Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original registration card. ▪ Owner's passport copy. ▪ Rated OBL. ▪ Car's invoice. ▪ Insurance certificate. ▪ Non-sale certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tax for non-diplomatic vehicles: approx. 53% of value assessed by customs. ▪ RUSID Tax at 3 - 4% ▪ Used vehicles older than 5 years are banned from imports to Gabon (except diplomats and French Military). 	



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