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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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