



Importing Personal Property Into Niger

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All containerized shipments to Nigeria must be palletized for entry. Client must be physically present during Customs clearance process. All shipments are inspected. “Certificate for Free Entry” must be obtained from the Customs Head Office

Used household goods and personal effects are duty free provided goods have been owned and used by the customer for a minimum of six months and customer has lived abroad for at least one year. All new items will be levied a tax. All clients pay a statistical tax of 5% CIF Value, unless he/she belongs to an exempted organization or project in Niger. Please confirm with your Destination Agent in advance to confirm current rate and avoid disputes. Items can not be sold, lent or otherwise disposed of during stay. **Note:** Due to operations of terrorism in Niger; police escorts are required throughout the country. Niamey is the only exception thus far.

Required Documents:

- ✓Passport - copy, must show last entry stamp, and biographic pages
- ✓Residence Visa/ Work Permit or Letter from Employer attesting to client's employment contract
- ✓Certificate of Change of Residence – obtained from city hall at origin
- ✓“Attestation Reservation de cale”
- ✓Comprehensive Valued Inventory – 2 copies, in French, dated & signed by owner
- ✓Non-Sale Certificate – declaring client will not sell effects while in Niger
- ✓Bill of Lading/Air Waybill – rated, original, Express Release not allowed
- ✓Comprehensive Valued Inventory – dated & signed by owner
- ✓Pack list
- ✓Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance
- ✓International Health Certificate – indicating yellow fever vaccination

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted and duty free entry of their personal effects and household goods. All documents must arrive to the Destination Agent 15 days prior to arrival to obtain free entry from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Required Documents:

- ✓Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓Certificate from the Embassy/Consulate
- ✓Passport - original
- ✓Comprehensive inventory –dated & signed by owner
- ✓Power of Attorney – giving authority for Destination Agent to arrange customs clearance

- ✓Appliances/Electronics – one of each allowed, additional ones will be taxed, must have invoices/receipts
- ✓Personal computers, works of art & jewelry– subject to tax and duty ✓New
- Furniture – (less than 6 months) subject to duties & import tax of 57%
- ✓New items – (less than 6 months) subject to import duty of 57%, must have invoices/receipts
- ✓Tobacco – 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of loose tobacco, in excess of these amounts incurs duty
- ✓Alcohol – wine only, must be labeled as 'fond de cave", less than 30 bottles acceptable duty free

- ✓Firearms & ammunition- requires a permit from local Niger police; otherwise prohibited
- ✓Explosives, ammunitions and weapons unless otherwise approved
- ✓Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓Pornography, subversive material & literature, materials & items contrary to Islam
- ✓Alcohol – must be sent separately; only “fond de cave allowed” (20 bottles max)

Required Documents:

- ✓Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, less than 6 months prior to arrival
- ✓Health Certificate - by a Veterinarian at origin, dated no more than 3 days prior to departure

Vehicles are subject to high import taxes and duties. Client pays a 57% tax on weight of vehicle. Client also pays a 5% Statistical tax of the declared CIF value. There is a possibility of negotiation with Customs, confer with your Destination Agent for the latest requirements. The OBL must show Chassis Number, Engine number, Cubic Capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model. Steps should be taken to ensure the vehicle is weatherized for the sand and extreme heat. Air conditioning is highly recommended.

Required Documents:

- ✓Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓Drivers License & International Insurance Policy (green card)
- ✓Vehicle Log Book
- ✓OBL

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: Evidence of yellow fever inoculations is a requirement of entry. Cholera vaccinations are strongly advised though no longer a requirement. U.S. citizens living in Niger are encouraged to [sign up for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#).

NOTE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO) WORKERS: The Government of Niger (GON) requires that NGOs not only be registered and officially recognized but that they inform the GON of each mission they plan to undertake in Niger. To avoid detainment and/or expulsion by Nigerien authorities, Embassy Niamey strongly recommends that NGO workers:

- ✓Make sure that their NGO has registered and received official recognition from the Government of Niger. For details on how to do this please visit the Managing Office of Decentralized Cooperation and Non-Governmental Organizations (Direction De La Cooperation Decentralisée et Des Organisations Non Gouvernementales) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et de la Cooperation).
- ✓Carry with them a copy of the official recognition (Arrêté) of the right of their NGO to operate in Niger.
- ✓NGOs should ask for a receipt of the notification provided to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Ministry of the Interior, and Ministry of Territorial Management and Community Development.

The U.S. embassy strongly recommends that in addition to the above, NGO workers present themselves at the regional governor's office prior to beginning their mission in a particular region of Niger. Again, NGO workers should ask for receipt of their presentation to the regional governor. It would also be wise to provide the regional governor with the same written notification that was provided to the ministries. **Safety & Security:** U.S. citizens are urged to avoid travel along the border between Niger and Mali, as neither government is able to provide security in this area. Travel of U.S. government employees and official visitors to areas in the south and east of Niamey, including the cities of Maradi, Zinder and Diffa, requires authorization by the Regional Security Officer.

As noted in the Department of State's [Worldwide Caution](#), dated February 12, 2010, the Islamic extremist group Al-Qaida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) has been designated as a terrorist organization by both the United States and the European Union. AQIM has declared its intention to attack Western targets throughout the Sahel (including Mali, Mauritania, and Niger), and has claimed responsibility for several recent kidnappings/attempted kidnappings and other violent events. For travel in any remote area of the country, the Department of State urges U.S. citizens to use registered guides, and to travel with a minimum of two vehicles equipped with global positioning systems (GPS) and satellite phones.

Large and small street demonstrations occur regularly in Niger particularly by students starting in January going through May. U.S. citizens are also advised to avoid all street demonstrations and maintain security awareness at all times.

Crime: Crime is at an extremely high level due primarily to thefts, robberies, and residential break-ins either day or night. Foreigners are vulnerable to bribery attempts and extortion by law enforcement authorities. Always keep vehicle doors locked and windows rolled up when stopped at stoplights

Currency: The West African Franc (CFA) is the currency Niger shares with several other West African countries. It is fully convertible into Euros. Foreign currency exchange over 1 million CFA (about \$1,900 at current exchange rate of 450 CFA/\$1) requires authorization from the Ministry of the Economy and Finance (forms available from all major banks).

Health: Yellow fever is present. Cholera and Malaria is a serious risk and pre-cautions are essential. Immunization against polio and typhoid is often recommended.

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: As of this posting Niger does not impose ISPM15 regulations for wood packaging material (WPM).

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AGS Frasers: Niamey, Niger

Department of State: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_986.html

US Embassy in Niger: <http://niamey.usembassy.gov/>

USDA: www.aphis.usda.gov

IATA Travel Centre

International Association of Movers

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.