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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Household Goods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The origin agent is required to provide the destination agent with the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing List ▪ Valued export declaration from origin customs ▪ ORIGINALS of 2 Bills of Lading (OBL) – or – Telex release/Sea Waybill/Air Waybill ▪ RETURNING CITIZEN AND MALAGASY DIPLOMATS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client's passport more than one year old and foreign passport for dual nationality ▪ Original/Copy plane ticket with original boarding pass and/or baggage ticket or email from the Airline or travel agency ▪ List of books, CD and DVD signed ▪ Original detailed inventory and signed by the Madagascar Embassy or Malagasy Consulate: All effect must be valued ▪ Madagascar Embassy/Malagasy Consulate Relocation Certificate (FDD) in the country of departure or Ministry of Foreign Affairs non-representation certificate in Madagascar ▪ Certificate of Change of Residence from the Town Hall of the city of departure ▪ Visa/residence permit in the country of departure more than one year before final arrival date ▪ A handwriting letter to the Head of Customs Regulation and Legislation Department to request a tax exemption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For all imports of household goods into Madagascar strict compliance is required for customs regulations to avoid paying the import duties which are around 46% of the cost and freight. ▪ For a tax-free removal procedure for foreign nationals, the green light for shipment can only be given once the client has arrived in Madagascar and is aware of the date of issue of their long-stay visa in Madagascar. ▪ The customs regulations in Madagascar are complex and you must be sure to request the approval of your agent at destination prior to shipment. The list of documents is not exhaustive and Malagasy customs reserves the right to request further documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please note that the customs authorities in Madagascar operate an SGS managed cargo tracking system (CTN / BSC) for ALL NON-DIPLOMATIC SHIPPERS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The origin agent must provide the destination agent with final Sea or Air Waybill and a valued HHG export customs declaration entry from your customs authority as soon as the shipment has left. ▪ While the destination agent is ready to assist with the tracking process, it is the ultimate responsibility of the shipper to proceed with this process – see BSC-GASYNET-MG (sgs.com)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter of Commitment legalized by Malagasy Town Hall (form to be given to client to be completed and signed) ▪ Free of charge letter legalized by Malagasy Town Hall (form to be given to client to be completed and signed) ▪ Residence certificate in Madagascar ▪ Copy of JIRAMA bill (electricity and water bill in Madagascar) ▪ Certified copy of the passport from Madagascar Town Hall ▪ Copy of Malagasy identity card ▪ If applicable, proof of passage in Madagascar during the last 12 months before final arrival ▪ Proof of break of stay in case of travel out of Madagascar after final arrival ▪ ACCREDITED FOREIGN DIPLOMAT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy passport and visa certified by assignee organization ▪ Valued inventory signed by the assignee ▪ 'Attestation de Destination' (Official duty exemption permit) ▪ Work Certification / MIDAC ▪ Title document (original or certified copy) if there is a vehicle ▪ <u>Note</u>: The containers are scanned at the port but are not subject to a customs inspection except in cases of force majeure. ▪ FOREIGN CITIZENS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client's passport more than one year old ▪ Original/Copy plane ticket with original boarding pass and/or baggage ticket or email from the Airline or travel agency ▪ List of books, CD and DVD signed ▪ Original detailed inventory and signed by the Madagascar Embassy or Malagasy Consulate: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The assignee needs to be at post to get his/her permanent visa before his/her organization could begin tax exemption process. ▪ For air shipment : origin agent could only dispatch the shipment when permanent visa is ready. ▪ For sea shipment : the container can only reach the FPOD one and half month after assignee's definitive arrival at Madagascar. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All effect must be valued ▪ Madagascar Embassy/Malagasy Consulate Relocation Certificate (FDD) in the country of departure or Ministry of Foreign Affairs non-representation certificate in Madagascar ▪ Certificate of Change of Residence from the Town Hall of the city of departure ▪ A handwriting letter to the Head of Customs Regulation and Legislation Department to request a tax exemption ▪ Letter of Commitment legalized by Malagasy Town Hall (form to be given to client to be completed and signed) ▪ Free of charge letter legalized by Malagasy Town Hall (form to be given to client to be completed and signed) ▪ Long stay visa or resident card more than 1 year ▪ Residence certificate in Madagascar ▪ Copy of JIRAMA bill (electricity and water bill in Madagascar) ▪ Certified copy of the passport from Madagascar Town Hall ▪ If applicable, proof of passage in Madagascar during the last 12 months before final arrival ▪ Proof of break of stay in case of travel out of Madagascar after final arrival ▪ Additional documents per status for foreign citizens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For expatriate workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employment authorization from EDBM Madagascar ▪ Certificate of employment ▪ Copy of work contract ▪ For French teachers/development workers 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (AEFE): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of non-employment from EDBM Madagascar ▪ Certificate of employment ▪ Copy of work contract ▪ Employment contract / transfer for more than one year ▪ Copy of AEFE contract ▪ For investors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of non-employment from EDBM Madagascar ▪ Certificate of employment ▪ Copy of work contract ▪ Letter of nomination for employment ▪ Certified copies of the company's status ▪ For family reunion visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Long stay visa for family reunification ▪ Marriage certificate or family record book ▪ Original foreign identity card ▪ TAX PAYEMENT PROCEDURE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passport copy ▪ Original Certificate of Change of Residence from the Town Hall of the city of departure OR Madagascar Embassy/Malagasy Consulate Relocation Certificate (FDD) in the country of departure ▪ Valued, dated and signed inventory ▪ List of books, CD and DVD signed ▪ Original residence certificate in Madagascar ▪ Copy of JIRAMA bill (electricity and water bill in Madagascar) ▪ Certified copy of the passport from Madagascar Town Hall ▪ If returning citizens, copy of Malagasy identity card 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malagasy bank account details (RIB) 		
<p>Prohibited and non-duty exempted items</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms and ammunition ▪ Any new items (used HHG / PE only). ▪ Household / garden tools are subject to import duty even if used. ▪ Non-prescription drugs ▪ More than 1 type appliance per shipper i.e., 2 hair dryers not allowed ▪ Vegetable matter of any kind ▪ Pornographic materials of any kind ▪ Foodstuffs ▪ Animal skins ▪ Alcohol (only admitted in limited quantities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol, tobacco, and cigarettes are admitted tax-free but in limited quantities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 liters of whisky ▪ 2 liters of champagnes ▪ 4 liters of wine/sparkling wine ▪ 4 liters of liqueur ▪ 2 cartridges of twenty packs of cigarettes ▪ 50 units of cigarillos and cigars ▪ 250 units of tobacco.
<p>Vehicle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration certificate (carte grise) of the vehicle/motorcycle more than one year in the country of departure ▪ For foreigners, long-stay visa <u>strictly</u> longer than one year in Madagascar for tax exemption procedure ▪ Vendor invoice is required for new vehicles. 		<p>Importation of vehicles with right-hand steering wheel is not allowed in Madagascar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See notes under 'Household Goods'. ▪ For all non-diplomatic shippers' vehicles are unloaded from the sea container at the port of entry and subject to Gasynet inspection in port before delivery to Antananarivo by a special vehicle carrier. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please note that the inspection process is lengthy and will probably lead to port storage charges. ▪ These charges must be settled in full by the shipper before delivery.



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