

To avoid delay with baggage declarations

- Please produce all receipts and sale slips for goods purchased outside Botswana.
- If you are unsure of the goods and values which you should declare, ask for assistance from the Customs Officer.

4. Duty-free allowances

Customs duties are not charged on the following goods imported as accompanied passenger's baggage:

- (i) Personal effects, sporting and recreational effects, new or used;
 - (a) Imported by non-residents of Botswana for their own use.
 - (b) Imported by persons making a bona fide change of residence to Botswana.
 - (c) Exported by residents of Botswana for their own use whilst abroad and subsequently reimported by such residents. These particular goods must be identifiable as those exported from Botswana.
- (ii) The following are articles and consumables (excluding any goods of which are prohibited), declared at the place where travellers enter Botswana and not imported on behalf of other persons or by way of trade, may be admitted free of duty and where applicable, Value Added Tax (VAT).

Wines	2 Litres
Spirituos and other alcoholic beverages	1 litre
Cigarettes	200
Cigars	20
Cigarette or pipe tobacco	250gms
Perfume	50 ml
Toiletwater	250 ml
Other new or used goods of total	
Value not exceeding (from outside SACU)	3000 UA*
Other new or used goods of a total	
Value not exceeding (from SACU)	500AU*

Additional goods imported from outside SACU, new or used, of a total value not exceeding 12 000 AU per person, excluding the consumable items detailed above, are admissible at a flat rate of 20%, if the owner so elects.

Notes:

Customs duty at applicable rates and 10% VAT will be payable where travellers import goods exceeding the above allowances. Travellers importing goods for business or commercial purpose will not qualify for the above allowances.

- (i) The concession for new and used goods specified above do not apply to goods imported by residents of Botswana returning after an absence of less than 48 hours.
- (ii) With the exception of those relating to tobacco and alcoholic products, the concessions may be claimed by the children under the age of 18 years, whether their or not their parents or guardians accompany them, provided the goods are for use by their children themselves. (AU* is equivalent to one south African Rand).

5. Prohibited and restricted goods

Certain goods are prohibited or restricted to protect public health, domestic plants and animal life or the environment. We have been entrusted with enforcing laws for other government agencies relating to the prohibition and restriction of such goods. It is not possible to list all prohibited and restricted goods. If you are in any doubt whether the importation of any goods is prohibited or restricted, please contact your nearest customs office in Botswana before travelling outside the country.

i. Prohibited goods

The importation of, among the other things, the following goods into Botswana, is completely prohibited. It is illegal to be found in possession of prohibited goods and it may result in seizure and possession of prosecution. These goods include:

- Narcotic, habit - forming drugs and related substances in any form.
- Firearms, ammunition and explosives.
- Indecent and obscene material such as pornographic books, magazines, films, videos, DVDs, and software.

ii. Restricted goods

These are goods which you cannot import without authority such as a licence or permit. Further details regarding restrictions on the importation of agricultural products, can be obtained from the Director of Animal Health and Production, Private Bag 0032, Gaborone and the Director of Crop Production and Forestry, Private Bag 003, Gaborone.

The following consumer goods may be imported for private use without an import permit, provided they do not exceed the maximum allowable quantities.

Products	Maximum Quantity
Red meat, goat/lamb	25 kg per family
Poultry meat	5 kg per person
Tinned poultry meat	20 kg per person
Eggs	36 eggs per person
Fresh milk	2 litres per person
Maize and maize products	25 kg per person
Wheat	25 kg per person
Pulses (beans, peas, lentils)	25 kg per person
Sorghum and sorghum products	25 kg per person
Cabbage	1 bag per person
Onions	1 bag per person
Potatoes	1 bag per person
Oranges	1 bag per person
Tomatoes	1 Box per person
Choumollier	2 kg per person
Rape	2 kg per person
Spinach	2 kg per person
Bread loaves	6 per week

The regulations on importing meat and meat products change frequently because they are based on disease outbreaks in different countries. Always ask your nearest Customs Office before importing meat and meat products.

ii. Domestic pets

Importing animals is always regulated for public health reasons and also for the well-being of the animals. Domestic pets and livestock may be imported, subject to animal health restrictions. Details in this regard can be obtained from the Director of Animal Health and Production, Private Bag 0032 Gaborone.

(Note: a valid certificate of identity, rabies vaccination and movement permit issued in Lesotho, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia or Zimbabwe will be accepted at the importation into Botswana.)

iv. Plants

These may be imported, subject to plant health restrictions. Details in this regard can be obtained from the Chief Agricultural Research officer, Private Bag 0033, Gaborone. (Note: South African transit permits may also be required in respect of plants shipped through South Africa. Details may be obtained from the director of plant control and quarantine, Private Bag x179, Pretoria, South Africa.)