

# Cape Verde Country Guide - IAM

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## Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

### Documents Required

- Original bill of lading (OBL) (2 copies) / no express release accepted / air waybill (AWB)
- Packing list
- Copy of passport
- Copy of entry permit in passport
- Copy of residence permit
- Diplomatic exemption from the Cape Verdean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) (expatriates and foreign diplomats)

### Specific Information

- Personal effects may be imported duty free if occurring within 6 months of the owner of the goods' initial arrival in Cape Verde and all documentation is available (returning citizens)
- Personal effects may be imported duty free during residence in Cape Verde, provided documentation is available (foreign diplomats)

## Motor Vehicles

### Documents Required

- All documentation required for household goods
- OBL / AWB with brand, model, engine, and chassis numbers stated
- Original certificate of origin (used vehicles)
- Original purchase invoice (new vehicles)
- Insurance documentation from origin country

### **Specific Information**

- Foreign diplomats, technicians, and coopérants may import a personally owned vehicle (POV) duty free.
- Duties and taxes will apply for others, percentage varies according to the vehicle; check with agent for details.

### **Pets**

#### **Documents Required**

- Veterinarian health certificate
- Rabies vaccination certificate (dogs)

### **Specific Information**

- Dogs also require an additional rabies vaccination certificate.

### **Restricted/Dutiable Items**

- Alcohol and tobacco (permitted in reasonable quantities and for personal use only)

### **Prohibited Items**

- Narcotics and drugs
- Weapons and explosives

### **Consignment Instructions**

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

### **Helpful Website(s):**

<http://www.state.gov/p/af/ci/cv>

<http://praia.usembassy.gov>

## **Cultural and Other Information**

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Cape Verde](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Cape Verde](#)