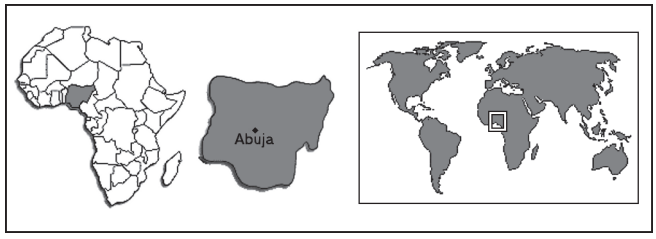
Nigeria (NG)

Amounts shown are expressed in Naira (NGN)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Abuja (ABV)
- Local Time : GMT + 1
- Daylight Saving Time : Nigeria does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 234
- Local Currency : Naira (NGN)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
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06 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
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- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.
- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.
- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: Live
  - System/Program name: eManifest System
  - Pre-registration to file data: Required
  - Scope: Import
  - Party responsible for filing: Carrier
  - Deadline: 'As soon as aircraft calls at last foreign port before Nigeria'
  - Pre-registration: required
  - Further information: https://www.customs.gov.ng/Guidelines/eManifestProcedure/index.php

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Abuja - ABV, Kano - KAN, Lagos - LOS, Port Harcourt - PHC.

1.2. Airport Facilities
1.2.2. Storage
At Government Warehouse.
Cold storage: Available in Lagos at NAHCO.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.
At Customs Airport Warehouse (Arms and ammunition are stored at Public Armoury). Time limit 14 days.

1.2.3. Clearance
All consignments are cleared through a licensed Customs agent at the rate agreed by both parties before clearance as every agent has his own rate.
1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 12.30 hrs. and 13.30 - 16.30 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible for perishables and urgent cargo against payment of overtime fee, provided the necessary documents and permits are available at least 24 hours before arrival.
1.2.5. Delivery
Possible via licensed Customs agent.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible by air, road parcel post (maximum 10 kg.) or rail dependent on the area in which final destination is located.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Straw prohibited.
2.1.2. Marking
All packages must be provided with labels showing: full name and address of both importer and Customs agent, phone number of both office and private house of Customs agent. When a P.O. Box number is mentioned, the private address of importer or addressee must be given. Other approved marks and numbers officially used by importer. Failure results in unnecessary delays and may lead to confiscation by Customs.
2.1.4. Language on Documents
English.
2.1.5. Other requirements
- Consignments for third parties may never be addressed to a Bank.
- Invoices attached to entry forms for delivery to Customs officers must be of the size 11 5/8" × 8" and must contain such particulars as can be conveniently declared in space provided in the entry forms.
- Continuation entries will not be accepted.
- AWB: in the box "Nature and quantity of goods" must be filled in either "Destroy shipment in case of inability to deliver shipment as consigned" or "Return by... (insert means of transport) at my expense in case of inability to deliver shipment as consigned".

  Note:
  Handling of return goods will meet considerable difficulties and, if successful, with high costs.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 4 Combined Certificates of Value and of Origin and Invoice of Goods (Form C.16)
  The original Customs invoice (Form C.16) must be attached to the AWB. Following documents (in 4-fold) can be used instead of Form C16:
  a. Commercial Invoice stating full names and addresses of manufacturer, supplier or exporter, full name and business address of the importer, order number, specific description of the goods, unit prices and the total value, cost of packing, freight, insurance, buying commissions, other charges, etc. AND
  b. Certificate of Value by the manufacturer, supplier or exporter, stating on the reverse of the form: "The certificate is to clearly indicate to whether the exporter is the manufacturer or supplier", AND
  c. Certificate of Origin, to be given on the reverse of the invoice.
- 2 Supplier's and 2 Manufacturer's Invoices for goods subject to ad valorem duties and containing: value of each kind of goods, value of packing, transportation and insurance charges, any discounts (minimum of 4% of FOB value).
  (Instead of the latter the Chamber of Commerce may certify that they are in conformity with the former ones).
- Packing List if no packing details are shown on the invoice.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
detailed Lists of Contents and a certified Invoice.
Bona fide samples without commercial value (incl. advertising material) or samples mutilated by shippers or by Customs on arrival, may be imported free of duties. In all other cases the normal duties must be paid which will be refunded when re-exported within 3 months.
2.2.3. Gift consignments
Pro Forma Invoice. Parcels must be marked: "GIFT" and may not exceed NGN 25.00 in retail value and 10 kg. in weight.
2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Unaccompanied baggage declaration form, from Customs authorities at the first airport in Nigeria where passenger arrives. They should be contacted immediately on arrival.

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2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Health Certificate, Prior Import Permit from Chief Veterinary Officer (Ministry of Agriculture) in any of the State capitals. Applications must be accompanied with details about health or rabies vaccination where applicable.

Cats and dogs: Import Permit, Health Certificate, Certificate showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. This vaccination should not have been carried out within two weeks of travelling.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Health Certificate stating that the plants or plant products were thoroughly examined before despatch and found to be substantially free from pests and disease.

Import Licence from Federal Plant Quarantine, Federal Dept. of Agriculture Research, Ibadan. Inspection on arrival. As there are several restrictions or prohibitions, shipper should contact Federal Plant Quarantine Service, Ibadan.

Prohibited:

Fresh fruits and vegetables.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Import prohibited, unless from Customs a permit for importation and a licence to bear arms have previously been obtained. An authority from the Commissioner of Dominion or Resident of the district must be produced to the Customs at the port of entry. In case of ammunition the Police in addition must give their authority to possess ammunition.

2.3.6. Human remains

Human remains: Death Certificate, including doctors statement remains embalmed; Death Registration Certificate; Certificate of Inspection by medical officer of health in borough of death; passport.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products

1. All passengers intending to import pharmaceutical products into Nigeria must have valid registration certificate or authorization letter for the importation of such products from the National Agency for Food and Drug Admin and Control (NAFDAC).
2. All importers of pharmaceutical and other regulated products must have all pre-shipment info to NAFDAC port inspection directorate, prior to the shipping of consignment the info should include:
   a. Name of the drug or regulated product
   b. Manufacturer's name and address
   c. Quantity being imported
   d. Pack sizes, strength and dosage form (in case of drug product)
   e. Batch number, manufacturing and expiry dates
   f. Conveying vessel (airline) and expected date of arrival
3. All drugs from India must have certification letter of analysis issued by QCS consultants (NAFDAC'S appointed independent drug analyst in India).
4. No pharmaceutical products shall be carried in passenger's checked baggage.

2.3.15. Others

Animal semen, antigens, antitoxins, toxins, vaccines, (all for veterinary use): Prior Import Permit from Federal Dept. of Veterinary Research, Vom.

2.4. Prohibitions

Poultry, live or dead (fowls, ducks, geese, turkey and Guinea fowls). Parrots and other birds of psittacine family.

Vegetables (including tomato puree and paste, roots and tubers), fresh or dried, whole or sliced, cut or powdered and sago pitch. Vegetable oils (excluding linseed and castor oils used as industrial raw materials). Processed wood (excluding wood in the rough squared or half squared but not further manufactured and particle board). Furniture products. Eggs in the shell (including hatching eggs). Fruits, fresh or preserved. Textile fabrics of all types and articles thereof (excluding nylon tyre cord, multifilament nylon chaffer fabric and tracing cloth, mattress tickings, narrow fabric, trimmings and linings, made-up fishing nets, mosquito netting materials, gloves for industrial use, canvas fabric for the manufacture of fan belt, moulding cups and licra, elastic bands and motifs, textile products and articles for technical uses, transmission or conveyor belt or belting of textile material). Household articles and wearing apparel made of plastic excluding baby feeding bottles. Soft drinks and beverages; beer and stout; mineral water; sparkling wines including champagne. Jewellery and precious metals. Rice, maize, wheat and products thereof. Gaming machines. Expired food products (whether in can or in other packages).

Non compliance with this rule will result in seizure.

2.5. Charges

2.5.2. Handling

Handling agents are Skyway Aviation Handling Company Ltd. (SAHCOL) and the Nigerian Aviation Handling Co. Ltd. (NAHCO). All arrival advices to consignees are sent through any of these two agencies.

Handling charge, per kg.	42.00
Storage/Demurrage, per kg.	8.50
Courier use of forklift, per kg.	49.00
Live animals, per kg.	45.00
Margarines/perishables, per kg.	45.00
Diplomatic consignments, per kg.	45.00
Unusual shipments on HAWB, per kg.	45.00
Cold room and strong room, per kg.	18.00
Minimum charge	2000.00

2.5.6. Storage

First 7 days (excl. Sunday and public holidays)	free
Each subsequent 24 hrs. per kg., per day	8.50

2.5.9. 2.5.9. Taxes and duties

Government TAX for all import shipments to Nigeria

Per kg.	5.00

2.5.10. Others

Sealing and packing of goods is negotiable.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.3. Restrictions

Transit Permit or Licence required in certain cases. Information should be obtained prior to shipment.

4. Export

4.5. Charges

4.5.2. Handling

Handling agents are Skyway Aviation Handling Company Ltd. (SAHCOL) and the Nigerian Aviation Handling Co. Ltd. (NAHCO).

Handling charge, per kg.	42.00
Warehouse/storage charge per kg., per day	8.50
Courier use of forklift, per kg.	49.00
Minimum charge	2000.00

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