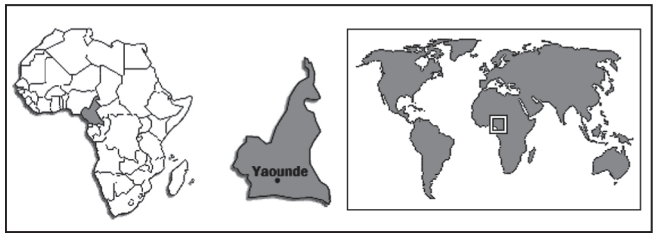
Cameroon (CM)

Amounts shown are expressed in CFA Franc (XAF)



0 General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Yaounde (YAO).
- Local Time : GMT + 1
- Daylight Saving Time : Cameroon does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 237
- Local Currency : CFA Franc (XAF)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon (from 12.00 or 13.00 hrs. depending on the bank), Sunday and Public Holidays.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
11 Feb 2015
03 Apr 2015
05 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
14 May 2015
16 May 2015
20 May 2015
21 May 2015
18 Jul 2015
19 Jul 2015
15 Aug 2015
23 Sep 2015
01 Oct 2015
13 Oct 2015
25 Dec 2015

Note:
Moslem Public Holidays are not published as they are following Moslem calendar.

- **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.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Douala - DLA, Garoua - GOU, Maroua - MVR, N'Gaoundere - NGE, Yaounde - YAO.

1.2. Airport Facilities
Aéroports du Cameroun (ADC) is the new Ground Handling Agent for all Cameroon Airports.

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading Equipment
2 loader lower deck 9 tons and 1 loader upper deck 14 tons.

1.2.2. Storage
- Uncleared goods may be stored for 120 days before transfer to Customs Warehouse subject to storage charges from 3rd day.
- Cold storage: Available upon request in SDV premises in Douala only. The applicable rates are shown under 2.5.6./4.5.6.
- Cold storage: Available at Yaounde (NSI Airport). Temperature between 2 - 8° and volume is 53.6m³.
- Safe for valuables: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
By forwarders.

1.2.4. Customs Hours
Monday through Friday 07.30 - 17.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible for perishables and live animals.

1.2.5. Delivery
Possible the following day.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible immediately, subject to Customs approval (not easy for domestic destinations).

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate if vegetable products are used. Hay and straw are prohibited.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
English or French.

2.1.5. Other Requirements
a. Transfers of foreign money (for payment of commercial transactions) are only granted if the name and address of payee's bank and his number of account are known. Therefore these details should be inserted in the Commercial Invoices accompanying the consignment.
b. Importation into Cameroon only possible to registered firms holding "Patente d'Importateur".

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial Consignments
- Import Licence for goods which value exceeds XAF 2,000,000, except prohibited goods such as shoes, clothing, cigarettes, which require an Import Licence if value exceeds XAF 1,000,000.
- SGS Certificate required for goods which value exceeds XAF 2,000,000.
- 3 Commercial Invoices (visaed by local Chamber of Commerce), containing in addition to the usual information:
  name and address of shipper's bank and his number of account, together with the following signed declaration: "Nous certifions que les marchandises dénommées dans cette facture sont de fabrication et d'origine ... (country of origin) et que les prix indiqués ci-dessus s'accordent avec les prix courants sur le marché d'exportation".
- EUR1 (Certificat de Circulation) for goods from EU or associated African countries.
- Certificate of Origin visaed by local Chamber of Commerce, for goods from non-EU-countries.

2.2.2. Sample Consignments
Without commercial value: Pro Forma Invoice.
With commercial value: see 2.2.1.

2.2.3. Gift Consignments
2 Pro Forma Invoices.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live Animals
- Health certificate stating country of origin.
- Import Licence.

Cats and dogs: additional Rabies Inoculation Certificate and statement that no case of rabies has occurred in area of origin for 60 days prior to shipment.

2.3.3. Plants and Plant Material
Phytosanitary Certificate. Import Licence.

2.3.4. Arms, Ammunition and Explosives
Import Permit from Ministère de l'Administration Territoriale et de la Décentralisation.

2.3.5. Narcotics and Drugs
Prior authorization required.

2.3.9. Animal Products
- Health certificate stating country of origin.
- Import Licence.

2.5. Charges

2.5.6. Storage

First three days	free
Thereafter per day, per kg.	15
Time limit:	3 months
Cold storage in SDV premises in Douala:	
First day, per kg.	75
Thereafter, per kg., per day	26
Minimum charge	27000

2.5.9. Taxes and Duties
- Airport Tax
  Per shipment, per kg. 2
- Security Tax
  Per shipment, per kg. 2

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3. Transhipment/Transit

3.2. Documentary Requirements
AWB: Certificate of Origin, Phytosanitary Certificate for food and live animals.

3.3. Restrictions
Explosives of war, weapons.

3.4. Prohibitions
Narcotics and drugs.

4. Export

4.1. General
A “Declaration de Douane” (customs Bill of Entry) is required for all outgoing shipments. Exceptions are possible for foodstuffs of less than 100 kg. and for personal effects of 50 kg. maximum.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
4.2.1. Commercial Consignments
- 1 copy of Commercial Invoice.
- Certificat de Circulation.

4.2.2. Sample consignments
1 copy of Commercial Invoice for Customs.
4.2.5. Other consignments
Household goods:
1 detailed and valued copy of inventory.
1 Certificate of removal certified and signed by the municipal authorities of place of residence.

4.3. Restrictions
4.3.2. Live Animals
- Veterinary Certificate issued by the Ministry of Breeding, Fishing and Animal Industries or its provincial Services.
- Health Certificate.

4.3.3 Plants and Plant Material
- Phytosanitary Certificate issued by competent authorities (Ministry of Agriculture or its regional services).
- Certificate of Origin and EUR1 for commercial consignments to EU countries.

4.3.15. Others
Dangerous Goods:
Handled by authorized companies.

4.4. Prohibitions
Narcotics and drugs.

4.5. Charges
4.5.6. Storage
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First day, per kg.	75
Thereafter, per day, per kg.	26
Minimum charge	27000

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