Congo (CG)

Amounts shown are expressed in CFA Franc (XAF)

0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Brazzaville (BZV)
- Local Time : GMT + 1
- Daylight Saving Time : Congo does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 242
- Local Currency : CFA Franc (XAF)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
08 Mar 2015
01 May 2015
10 Jun 2015
15 Aug 2015
01 Nov 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **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
Brazzaville - BZV, Pointe Noire - PNR.

1.2. Airport Facilities
Brazzaville
1.2.2. Storage
Goods not cleared within 11 days after arrival will be stored (after registration) up to 4 months at Customs Airport Warehouse at owner's risk. Thereafter they may be auctioned or (if value is less than CFA Franc 10,000.00 or the proceeds after deduction of the storage charges are less than CFA Franc 2,000.00) confiscated. Perishables will be sold immediately. Cold storage: Not available.
1.2.3. Clearance
At airport by consignee or Customs clearance agent. Consignees can collect perishable goods immediately after arrival, provided they sign a statement that clearance will be effected at later date. See also 1.2.2.
1.2.4. Customs Hours
Monday through Friday 07.00 - 14.00 hrs., Saturday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible only after previous arrangement.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate for vegetable products and cheese.
It is recommended to mark the outer packing with: "Importe de (country of origin)".
2.1.4. Language on Documents
French.
2.1.5. Other Requirements
Importation only by registered importers holding a "Licence d'Importation" or "Autorisation d'Importation" issued by the Direction du Commerce Extérieur, otherwise goods may be confiscated.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial Consignments
- 2 Commercial Invoices, containing the declaration: "Nous certifions que les prix indiqués ci-dessus s'accordent avec les prix courants sur le marché d'exportation".
- Import Licence, required for goods from countries outside the French area. Applications must be supported by a Pro Forma Invoice, stating kind of sales contract, terms of delivery and method of payment.
- AY-1 Certificate for goods from EU countries.
- Certificate of Origin for goods from non-EU countries.

2.2.2. Sample Consignments
Without commercial value: No Invoices.
With commercial value: 1 Commercial Invoice; competent authorities can grant exemption from Import Licence.
Samples without commercial value are free of import duties and those of commercial value will be charged with the normal duties.
2.2.3. Gift Consignments
2 Pro Forma Invoices.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live Animals
Animals, animal products and by-products:
- Import Permit issued by the Directeur de l'elevage du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'elevage.
- Health Certificate of a veterinary of the country of origin.

Failure to provide these documents will result in confiscation of the goods and, if case, may be destructed.
2.3.3. Plants and Plant Material
(incl.: parts of plants, seeds): Phytosanitary Certificate issued in country of origin stating that goods are free of parasites.
2.3.4. Arms, Ammunition and Explosives
Import Permit from Ministère de l'Administration du Territoire.
2.3.9. Animal Products
See 2.3.2.
2.3.10. Meat and Meat Products
Fresh or frozen: Health Certificate.
2.3.12. Foodstuffs
Canned food (preserves of fish, vegetables or fruits) and dairy products: packing must state country of origin.

2.4. Prohibitions
Shippers should contact authority.

2.5. Charges
Brazzaville, Pointe Noire
2.5. Handling
Handling charges per AWB:
- Mixed consignment 21,335.00
- Consolidated consignment 51,810.00
- Valuable cargo 47,715.00
- Live animals:
  Cattle less than 100 heads 51,810.00
  More than 100 heads 70,095.00
  More than 500 heads 94,475.00
- Baby poultry less than 72 hours old 29,805.00

All handling operations are provided by Congo Handling S.A.
2.5.3. Clearance
1 Unaccompanied baggage and newspapers: per consignment, irrespective of weight 8,500.00
2. Precious stones, pearls, gold, platinum, coins, banknotes, shares, warrants: per consignment, irrespective of weight 2% ad valorem. Minimum charge 1,000.00
3. Samples of medicines and pharmaceuticals for hospitals ..... Free

A percentage of CIF value will be levied
2.5.6. Storage
Per kg., per day 25.00
2.5.9. Taxes and Duties
Tax on consignments arriving from abroad, per kg. 34.00
Customs tax: according to the bills and rate calculation of the UDEAC.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.4. Prohibitions
All shipments.

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4. Export

4.5. Charges
4.5.1. General

For shipments without Customs declaration,
per shipment 11,000.00

For shipments with Customs value a fee of 2 percent will be levied.

4.5.9. Taxes and Duties

Tax on consignments with destination abroad, per kg. 35.00

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