Congo, Democratic Republic of (CD)

Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)

0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Kinshasa (FIH)
- Local Time : GMT + 1 / + 2
- Daylight Saving Time : Congo, Democratic Republic of does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 243
- Local Currency : Franc Congolais (CDF) & US Dollars
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday. But possibility to retract on distributors.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
04 Jan 2015
17 Jan 2015
01 May 2015
17 May 2015
30 Jun 2015
01 Aug 2015
17 Nov 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. 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
Bukavu - BKY, Bunia - BUX, Goma - GOM, Kalemie - FMI, Kamina - KMN, Kananga - KGA, Kisangani - FKI, Kinshasa - FIH, Kolwezi - KWZ, Libenge - LIE, Lubumbashi - FBM, Matadi - MAT, Mbandaka - MDK.

1.2. Airport Facilities
Kinshasa
1.2.2 Storage
Free storage during 15 days.
Fees to National Warehouse at entrance:

Per kg.	USD	0.36
Plus per AWB	USD	15.00
AWB FEE	USD	25.00

Application of VAT 16% on each point will be apply.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
No restriction but depending on destination and Airliner.
On request.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate when vegetable products (which may contain parasites) are used.
2.1.5. Other Requirements
AWB: The number of the Import Licence issued by the Congo, Democratic Republic of Authorities or the reason for exemption from the Licence must be shown on the AWB accompanying each consignment destined to Congo, Democratic Republic of.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial Consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices.
- Import Licence, not required for:
  - Imports with a FOB value below USD 2500.00;
  - Weapons, ammunitions imported by the Administration;
  - Live animals; Fresh eggs;
  - Fruits, vegetables, fish and meat, fresh or refrigerated (neither frozen or deep frozen);
  - Current newspapers and periodicals;
  - Re-imports without modification;
  - Personal effects and moves, including motorised vehicles imported by residents returning to their country;
  - Post parcels without commercial value;
  - Commercial samples;
  - Donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations to foundations, charities and humanitarian organizations recognized as being helpful towards the public;
  - Personal gifts;
  - Donations offered by foreign governments or international organizations or private persons in case of disaster;
  - Gifts and supplies imported for their own use by diplomatic entities, by United Nations entities or other NGOs having customs taxes exemptions;
  - Goods purchased with donations and external resources, including loans;

  Applications for the Import Licence must be accompanied with:
- ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATIONS (invoice, packing list & AWB)
  Where no Import Licence is required, a “Declaration d’Importation” is required.
- For all commercial shipments with CIF value above USD 2,500.00, a BIVAC (Veritas) certificate is required. Non compliance will result in either heavy fines and/or non acceptance of the goods for Customs clearance.
  Penalities must be applied based on custom taxes at entrance.

2.2.2. Sample Consignments
See 2.2.1.
2.2.3. Gift Consignments
A specified list of articles is recommended unless the AWB is specific enough. Invoice or cash slip recommended for determination of value.
2.2.4. Unaccompanied Baggage
A List of Contents must be attached to the AWB.
No formality for used personal effects (only for first installation).
However, cameras, recorders, portable or non-portable radios and similar apparatus may be imported duty free provided they belong to a person coming for the first time in Congo, Democratic Republic of or the consignee can prove with adequate documents that these articles were previously from Congo, Democratic Republic of.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live Animals
Import Permit. Health Certificate. Both documents to accompany AWB. On arrival veterinary inspection.
The Health Certificate must mention: country of origin, names and christian name and address of exporter and consignee, number, species, sex and zootechnical category of the animals. It will also state that the animals are free from ticks and have not been exposed to contagious diseases. This Certificate will further state:
for all DOMESTIC ANIMALS (except poultry and poultry- yard birds) that they are healthy and they come from a region where no contagious illness has been observed since at least 60 days.
for ONE HOOFED ANIMALS, that they have been vaccinated against equine pest.
for BOVINE ANIMALS, that they are free from contagious vaginite symptoms and that they do not come from a farm quarantined for such disease, that they showed negative reaction to intradermotuberculination or oculotuberculination effected since less than two months, that they did not react to brucellic agglutination tests.
for RABBIT SPECIES, that they are free from myxomatosis and this illness has not been observed in the originating breeding farm since 6 months.
for FELINES AND DOG SPECIES, that they have been vaccinated against rabies over one month but less than 12 months before departure if an inactivated or Kelev vaccine has been used or 36 months before departure if an avianised (Flury) has been used. This last certificate must be issued not more than 15 days before departure.
for POULTRY AND POULTRY-YARD BIRDS, that they are free from poultry contagious diseases and that they come from a region free from these illnesses and they have been vaccinated since at least one month but not more than 6 months.

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2.3.3. Plants and Plant Material
Seeds, tubers, onions: Phytosanitary Certificate stating that plants are free from insects and diseases which endanger plants. No Phytosanitary Certificate for flowers, vegetable seeds and cut flowers.
2.3.4. Arms, Ammunition and Explosives
Import prohibited. However, the import of arms and ammunition for self-defense and hunting purposes is allowed subject to: prior Import Permit from Département des Affaires Politiques and an Import Permit of the Commissaire Urbain of Kinshasa which is often completed by the customs authorities. Furthermore, although not requested for import, the permit to carry weapons is necessary.
2.3.5. Narcotics and Drugs
Prior authorization mentioning customs port of entry (for Congo, Democratic Republic of importation only via Bukavu, Kisangani, Kinshasa, Lubumbashi and Matadi).
2.3.8. Medicines and Vaccines
Import Permit for medicines except for samples addressed to veterinary surgeons or chemists. For biological products, sera and vaccines importation by doctors and chemists only.
2.3.10. Meat and Meat Products
of domestic animals in different forms (fresh, refrigerated, preserved, smoked, etc.) except tinned meat under 5 kg.; fish, fresh, refrigerated, salted, smoked, etc. molluscs and crawfish, poultry-yard birds, game: Importation subject to prior Import Permit and Sanitary Certificate delivery by veterinary at point of origin and sanitary inspection on arrival.
2.3.15. Others
- Used clothes (on commercial basis): Certificate of Disinfection and Disinsectisation, the signature of which must be legalised. Sanitary Certificate specifying that during the last four months no epidemic of smallpox, plague or typhus has occurred at point of origin.
- Religious articles: Certificate from the religious order (shipper) of which the consignee is a member or a Certificate from the religious order of which the consignee is a member if the shipper is not a party of this order.

2.4. Prohibitions
Swine, bovine, ovine and caprine animals from Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
Eichhornia called “Jacinthe d’eau”, Alcoholic beverages containing absinth. Slot machines. Fosfores de papel matches originating from Portugal. Obscene publications. Contraceptives. Arms and ammunition including parts.

2.5. Charges
Kinshasa
2.5.5. Transhipment
For consignments with inland destination None Transit Kinshasa (N’Djili)-Brazzaville (Maya- Maya) and v.v. suspended until further notice. But possibility to make a transfer of custom and send it by boat.
2.5.6. Storage
First 15 working days ..... Free
Thereafter per day (from 00.00 hrs.)
In general per kg., per day ..... USD 0.06

2.5.8. Delivery and Pick-Up
Depending of freight forwarder, agents chosen by customer.
2.5.10. Others
- Fee applied by the RVA (Régie des Voies Aériennes) of RDC.
  Per actual kg. ..... USD 0.036
  Note:
  This tax must be included in the "due carrier" box on the AWB under the code TXC.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.2. Live Animals
Import Permit. Health Certificate. Sanitary inspection for equines, asinines, bovines, swine, ovines, caprines, canines, felines, leporides, poultry-yard birds and luxury birds.
3.3.15. Others
- Used clothes (on commercial basis): Certificate of Disinfection and Disinsectisation. The signature of this document must be legalised.
- Alcoholic beverages with absinth: Special authorization.

3.4. Prohibitions
Arms and ammunition. Bovines from Angola. Domestic animals from Kenya or Uganda except with special Permit. Bovines and swines from Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

3.5. Charges
Kinshasa
3.5.5. Transhipment
Shipments in transit via FIH with an international airport as final destination (FBM/GOM/FKI) must be accompanied with a PAC.
A PAC is the official customs document required for clearance to these final destinations.
A PAC is also required for international shipments to FIH that are transiting through another international airport of RDC.
A PAC should be contracted by a freight forwarder or other authorized company and costs between USD 50.00 and USD 200.00

4. Export

4.2. Documentary Requirements
4.2.1. Commercial Consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices.
- Export Licence.

4.2.2. Samples Consignments
- With value: 3 Commercial Invoices.
- Without value: 1 Pro Forma Invoice.

4.2.3. Gift Consignments
See 4.2.2.

4.3. Restrictions
4.3.2. Live Animals
Canines and felines require Sanitary Certificate delivered by veterinarian authorities and Permit from Government Authority.

4.4. Prohibitions
- Poultry and poultry-yard birds originating from Bukavu and Goma.
- Smoked fish, palm oil and cosmetics.
- Coltan.

4.5. Charges
4.5.10. Others
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