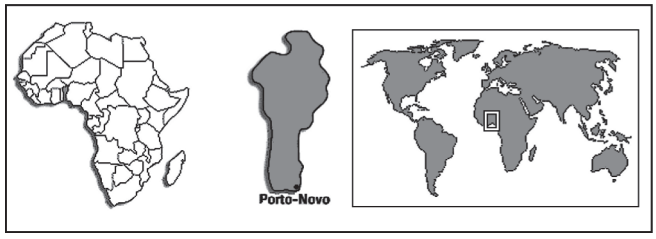
Benin (BJ)

Amounts shown are expressed in CFA Franc (XOF)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Porto Novo
- Local Time : GMT + 1
- Daylight Saving Time : Benin does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 229
- Local Currency : CFA Franc (XOF)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
10 Jan 2015
06 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
14 May 2015
25 May 2015
18 Jul 2015
01 Aug 2015
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23 Sep 2015
26 Oct 2015
01 Nov 2015
30 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
Cotonou - COO.

1.2. Airport Facilities
1.2.2. Storage
In Customs Warehouse. After 6 months goods will be auctioned.
Cold storage: Not available.
1.2.3. Clearance
By consignee or his broker within 11 days after arrival. Thereafter goods will be stored.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Hay, straw, etc. prohibited unless accompanied by official Phytosanitary Certificate.
2.1.4. Language on documents
French.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 2 Commercial Invoices (preferably in French), containing the following declaration: “Nous certifions que les marchandises faisant l’objet de cette facture sont de fabrication... (name of country) et que la valeur susmentionnée est conforme à nos écritures”.

  Notes
  Shipper should enable consignee to apply for the necessary devices by sending him Pro Forma Invoices in time.
  Goods not originating from French Franc Area must be accompanied with a Declaration from “Fédération des Industries Mécaniques et Transformatrices des Métaux” stating whether or not similar material is made in France.
- Import Licence for goods from non-member countries of French Community.
- AY I-form for goods from EU-countries, subject to preferential duties.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Without commercial value: No documents.
With commercial value: See 2.2.1.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
Certificate of Health and Origin. Import Licence for animals from countries other than French Community.
Cats and dogs: Health Certificate issued not later than 3 days before shipment must state that animals are from an area free from contagious diseases of the species for the preceding 6 weeks, and that no case of rabies has been noticed for the same period. Rabies Inoculation Certificate.
Prohibited: Hares and rabbits or their skins.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate. Import Licence.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Import only from the French Community with Import authorisation.

2.4. Prohibitions
Apparatus for money- making or for distillery of alcohol; canned fish (weighing over 2.2 lbs.); matches containing white phosphorus; political emblems; war material; hares and rabbits or their skins.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.2. Live animals
Hares and rabbits or their skins: must be frozen and be accompanied by a Health Certificate stating that animals were healthy and originate from a region free from myxomatosis.

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