



The following is a guideline for Exporting your personal effects From Vanuatu

You can Export anything that you have owned for more than 12 months duty free usually for most countries around the planet, most especially Australia and NZ

Insurance – really important which is why it is almost at the top of this list – if something goes wrong in shipping, and sometimes it does – it is not an argument you want to have with the shipping line, the stevedores, transport company or ourselves – let the insurance company do that... The cargo will pass through many hands usually so is very difficult to pinpoint and appoint blame. Insurance is Minimum US\$125 per shipment, and for Personal effects is calculated at 5% of the value of the goods

Vehicles, Boats, Jet Skis, Trailers etc are usually difficult, in the case of Australia, there are Right Hand Drive rules, as well as an essential requirement to apply for an import permit PRIOR to exporting, and this should be done, the costs of rectifying it can be both time consuming and terribly expensive

Also, with regard to Vehicles, due to their having both petrol or diesel in them, upon shipment, as well as batteries, both of which come under the classification of Dangerous Goods, Class 3 and 8, so there would be additional charges, however, these are usually small at between US\$150 and US\$300 per container, depending on where the goods are coming from. And compared to the costs of purchasing a vehicle locally, make such additional costs inconsequential. Dangerous goods forms would need to be signed for any vehicles, which we can assist with the completion of.

Second Hand Machinery is to be treated the same as Vehicles

Customs Clearance. Export Customs Clearance will be done by our team (this information is included in the Vanuatu Statistics Offices Trading Data/Balance of Trade figures)

Fumigation/Quarantine /CITES – requirements throughout the world are different, but if required, we can arrange Fumigation here, to Vanuatu standards

Fumigation here will cost approx. VT34,000 plus VAT (for a 20ft Container, standard height) plus an export certificate / permit will cost VT 9,400

While you are packing, if doing yourselves, or we are arranging for you, please always make sure that items which will be of interest to Quarantine are clearly identified, and packed into as few cartons as possible to simply inspection processes at destination if required, e.g. camping equipment, gardening tools, golfing gear, vacuum cleaners etc.

Generally, it is not too hard and quarantine at destination interest' ranges from no interest at all, and therefore low costs, to high levels of interest, and high cost, such as Australia, where it will cost generally AU\$80 per m3 just to unpack at approved depots.

CITES Certificates (International Trade of Endangered Species). Particular attention needs to be paid to CITES to enable the easy transit through borders, including Sea Shells, Ivory, Artefacts, so if in doubt, please ask. One of the main ones are for shells that have been collected and as a general rule of thumb, quarantine will issue a certificate for vt700 per species.

Inventory. We provide a format for an inventory which you will need to present for Customs clearance at destination. If completing with the values, this will assist form the basis of your amount for insurance should you require it.

It is not essential that you record every single item, but a general description is sufficient in most cases, unless you wish to have a particular cover on insurance for specific items, in which case these should be clearly noted on your inventory

e.g. 1 carton kitchen items \$50, 3 cartons bathroom items \$120 – this will also assist leading into preparation of your insurance values

To affect an efficient destination clearance, we will need from you the following (anything that will assist Customs/quarantine to decide in your favour for duty exemption...)

1. Copies of all passports
2. Copy of letter of employment offer if relevant
3. We will supply a Received for Shipment Document once received. (bill of lading or waybill)
4. Copy of fumigation certificate if fumigated (we provide).
5. A complete inventory as above
6. The signed destination Customs/Quarantine forms (AU and NZ)

Receipts for any new items

Transport – we are stuck with only one Monopoly for transport and constantly get false information regarding when containers will be delivered, so to make things easier, and less stressful, it is preferable to organise transport for FCL Empty container to your premises long in advance of when you actually want to pack, or alternatively, we can bring cargo to one of our two warehouses and hold for export.

Container Detention – after 14 days, the shipping line will charge a container detention of US\$10 per day for a 20ft container if it is not returned within 14 days – it is important that you ensure that we are aware the container is Full, and also let us know if it has not been picked up

When is cargo required to be presented for shipment? In the case of LCL/Loose Cargo, five (5) working days prior to the vessel arrival in Port Vila, in the case of Full Containers, 1 working day prior to the vessel being in Port Vila. For containers, Shipping lines usually have no problem to release the container up to 10 working days prior to vessel, if a container is required for longer than that, the charge is USD15 per day, including weekends

Any questions at all, please ask