



Customs Clearing Requirements

**For Importing New/Used Cars Into Kenya
via the Port of Mombasa**

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- Identify and engage your vehicle supplier
- Make necessary payments towards purchase of the vehicle
- The supplier will issue you with commercial invoice as a pre-alert.
- Send a copy of the commercial invoice to a licensed clearing agent such as **Siginon Group**
- The clearing agent will then apply for an Import Declaration Form (IDF) on your behalf
- The vehicle supplier will arrange for vehicle inspection at the country of origin. In the case of used vehicles, the vehicle inspection will be carried out by the inspection company **QISJ**.
- After inspection you will be issued with roadworthiness certificate where the vehicle is given a clean bill
- The vehicle seller will ensure that the vehicle is transferred to a convenient Port of departure where the vehicle will be loaded onto a vessel/ship and sailed to the port of Mombasa.
- After the vehicle is loaded on to the vessel, the shipping line agent will provide a bill of lading (B/L) as proof of the vehicle being loaded onto the vessel. The voyage to the Port of Mombasa could take about 21 -30 days
- 4 days prior to vessel arrival at the Port of Mombasa, the shipping line through its Kenya agent will issue the manifest, which your clearing agent will use to capture the vehicle details in the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Simba System and issue the customs declaration i.e. C17.
 - The customs entry - C17- calculates the taxes and duties payable as per the Current Retail Selling Price (CRSP) issued by customs.
- After the taxes have been paid, the customs entry will be passed by customs at the Document Processing Centre (DPC).
- The Shipping line will concurrently release the delivery order (DO) after payment of local shipping line charges
- After Entry and DO is issued, a file of the; C17, DO and vehicle supporting documents will be lodged with KRA for physical inspection of the vehicle after which an online release is issued on the KRA Simba System.
- At the Port of Mombasa, all the relevant government agencies in Kenya such as (KRA/Port Health/Radiation/Police) will inspect the vehicle to confirm that the chassis & engine number conform to the clearance documents provided.
- Once this is satisfactory, a proper customs officer will give a final release order for the vehicle
- At the Port of Mombasa, fees related to; Port charges, gate pass and registration will require to be paid

- All documents issued towards the customs clearance of the vehicle will also be captured online on the National Transport & Safety Authority (NTSA) platform to enable vehicle registration. Takes 1-2 days.
- Once cleared. Vehicle registration will commence.
- NTSA will verify paper work and issue a registration number to the vehicle and issue a sticker and subsequent number plate.
- The vehicle will be delivered to you using a transporter, such as Siginon Group, or you can collect at an agreed location.
- Then you can drive it.

With over 34 years' experience in the Transport & Logistics industry, Siginon Group is **Powering Trade** for vehicle importers via the Port of Mombasa or the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi.

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