



HOW TO DO BUSINESS ACROSS THE BORDER

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

Did you know that you can travel and do business in East Africa without a Passport?

Residents from Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda can use their National Identity card as a travel document and do business in any of the three countries.

What do I have to do?

Present your original Identity card to the immigration officer at the border point of entry. You will be given an interstate pass, which helps you to travel and do business in that country for up to six months. The interstate pass will be taken away from you when you return to your home country.

Are there other Travel Documents I can use?

Yes, there are other travel documents, including a temporary movement permit which is given to you at the border at a fee. You can also use a passport, in form of a booklet given by the Ministry of internal affairs.

Health Documents

Always remember to carry your yellow fever vaccination card at all times.

What if I have a Child or Children I'm travelling with?

Parents travelling with their young children should obtain travel documents for the children and must carry the child's birth certificate.

What if I'm married in that country?

Foreigners from within the EAC married in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi must get a dependent pass from the Ministry of internal affairs in the country they are married in. The dependent pass for EAC citizens is issued for free in Uganda and Kenya. You may be required to pay a fee in the other EAC countries.

CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

What do I need to sell goods outside my country?

As a trader you need to have a Simplified Certificate of Origin (SCOO) for goods produced within the EAC countries whose value is less than 2,000 US dollars. The SCOO is given to you at the border by customs officials.

What about agricultural products?

A trader dealing in agricultural products like maize, rice, beans, groundnuts or peas must obtain a phyto-sanitary certificate from the Ministry of agriculture before exporting or importing to confirm that the products meet the required standards in addition to SCOO. You must also have an import permit to confirm that you have been allowed to bring the agricultural produce into the other country

What Taxes do I have to pay at the Border?

Traders are advised to visit Revenue Authorities at the border before importing or exporting any product to find out the required taxes in order to avoid losses. The Customs Officers at the different border points will help you to understand the different taxes you have to pay. These include:

- Value Added Tax
- Exercise duty- Charged on specified luxury products.
- Withholding Tax
- Import Duty
- Export Duty
- Country specific taxes for example Infrastructure development fund, railway construction fund, horticulture development etc.

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