

Mali



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In addition to the standard customs declaration required for all shipments (except those within the European Union), shipments destined for Mali must be accompanied by the documents listed below.

a) Commercial invoice

At least three copies are required and it must include customary content. The origin and provenance of the goods, the FOB value per item, the freight and insurance cost (when this is the exporter's responsibility).

It must be prepared in French and include the following declaration signed by the seller:

"Nous certifions que la présente facture est authentique et la seule émise par nous pour les marchandises qui y sont énoncées, qu'elle mentionne la valeur exacte de ces marchandises sans déduction d'aucun acompte et que l'origine des marchandises est exclusivement italienne".

b) Movement certificate EUR.1

Imports from European Union countries with preferential arrangements granted within the framework of the ACP-EU Convention must be accompanied by the "movement certificate" EUR.1 (EUR.2 form for postal shipments to the value of no more than Euro 2,820) issued and stamped by the export country's customs authority, at the request of the party concerned.

Goods originating in the EU and imported for working or processing, then re-exported to the EU must be accompanied by a special "information form" issued and stamped by the export country's customs authority, at the request of the exporter.

c) Certificate of origin

For products of EU origin, which cannot benefit from a movement certificate EUR.1, and for non-EU originating products, a certificate of origin is required and it must conform to the EU FORM A specimen.

d) Phytosanitary Certificate

For fruit, vegetables, seeds and other plant products.

e) Export Health Certificate

For meat products.

Due to the risk of contamination from BSE ("mad cow" disease) and/or avian influenza ("bird flu"), many countries have decided to suspend imports of stock or meat from European countries.

Mali continues to prohibit importation of live cattle but it has recently authorised imports of embryos.

It is advisable to contact the local veterinary service in the pertinent region, and in any case the importer.

TRANSPORT AND PACKAGING

a) Transport documents

b) Packing list

c) Transport insurance

Pursuant to national legislation, importations must be insured through a local company. Food aid and the supply of material for development of the country are exempt from this obligation.

d) Electronic Cargo Tracking Note

This document is obligatory for shipments by sea; exporters will incur heavy fines in the absence of this document.

e) Treatment of wood packaging

Although this is not obligatory at the moment, before shipment it is advisable to contact the importer.



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TEMPORARY ADMISSION

The Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods (ATA Convention) has been adopted by Mali for commercial samples only.

PRE-SHIPMENT INSPECTION

Goods destined for Mali are subject to pre-shipment inspection (PSI) of quantity, price and quality of goods.

All shipments with an FOB value equal to or more than 3,000,000 CFA Francs (about 4,500 Euros) are subject to inspection.

Gold, precious stones, objects of art, wood, plants, seeds, films, postal parcels etc. are exempt from PSI.

PASSPORT AND VISAS

a) Passport

Required. Contact the Malian Embassy or Consulate in Italy or your preferred Travel Agent in advance to find out the passport period of validity required and any changes to requirements.

b) Entry visa

Contact the Malian Embassy in Rome. Visas are usually valid for three months and may be extended once only on Malian soil; this request must be submitted to the Direction Générale de la Police Nationale in Bamako. You can also obtain a visa at Bamako airport (at a cost of about 15,000 FCFA – 20 Euros), valid for a few days only, to be renewed with the Police Authorities if you want to stay in the Country for a longer period.

c) Business visa

It is necessary to request a business visa from the Mali an consulate in Rome, attaching the documents indicated below. Contact the consulate if you cannot go in person, to find out if they want you to send your passport and documents by courier.

Documents required:

passport valid for at least 6 months;

return ticket:

copy of certificate of yellow fever vaccination;

two visa application forms;

letter of invitation of a firm or organisation in Mali;

sponsorship letter from the firm represented by the visa applicant.