



Exporting goods from Gabon

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General path of a commercial export: company registration, certificates required by the destination country, bank domiciliation with a foreign exchange undertaking for sales outside CEMAC worth at least 5 million FCFA, BIETC and customs declaration in ASYCUDA World. Some products follow their own rules: timber (log exports banned since 2010), cocoa and coffee (marketed by Caistab), ores and precious substances.

Steps 6	Total indicative delay At least 1 day 5 steps without a published delay	Total indicative cost 2,500 FCFA to 3,500 FCFA plus 5 proportional or variable fees
Responsible institution Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)		Last validation 22 September 2026

Steps

1 Be registered as a business operator

Commercial exports are subject to the same registration formalities as imports: entry in the trade and personal property credit register and tax registration, through the ANPI-Gabon one-stop desk.

Institution	National Investment Promotion Agency of Gabon (ANPI-Gabon)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Extract from the trade and personal property credit register (RCCM), Single registration form (FUE)
Fees	Not published
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

2 Check restrictions and obtain product-specific authorisations

Logs may no longer be exported since 2010. Mining products may be exported freely by holders of an exploitation permit or concession; otherwise an authorisation from the minister in charge of mines is required. Ferrous and non-ferrous scrap requires a special authorisation from the Directorate General of Trade. Game remains and trophies require a hunting permit. See the dedicated timber, cocoa and minerals procedures.

Institution	Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Fees	Not published
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

3 Obtain the certificates required by the destination country

The export declaration is accompanied by a sanitary certificate and a certificate of origin when the importing country requires them. Plant products and timber receive a phytosanitary certificate from AGASA.

Institution	Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Phytosanitary certificate, Sanitary certificate for exported food, Certificate of origin
Fees	See the certification procedures
Link	https://agasa.site/

4 Domicile the export and sign the foreign exchange undertaking (outside CEMAC, 5 million FCFA or more)

BEAC Instruction No. 006/GR/2019 of 10 June 2019 covers exports of goods and services outside CEMAC (article 1). Unless exempted, any export worth at least 5 million FCFA is domiciled with a single licensed credit institution, which carries out the banking formalities for the exporter until the file is cleared (articles 6 and 7). Domiciliation comes before customs clearance (article 9). For goods, the file contains the export declaration, a copy of the commercial contract or an equivalent document, the firm foreign exchange undertaking following the template annexed to the instruction, the tax identification number and, for restricted goods, the required authorisations (article 13). Exemptions include supplies to foreign ships and aircraft, samples not for sale, gifts to a foreign State and permanent removals outside CEMAC (article 18). Splitting an export to stay below the threshold is prohibited (article 27). Proceeds are repatriated to CEMAC through the domiciliation bank within 150 days of export at most (article 20).

Institution	Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Processing time not published; domiciliation before customs clearance and repatriation of proceeds within 150 days at most (BEAC Instruction No. 006/GR/2019, art. 9 and 20)
Documents	Foreign exchange undertaking, Commercial invoice
Fees	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)
Link	https://www.beac.int/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Instruction-N%C2%B0-006-GR-2019.pdf

5 Obtain the BIETC from the Gabonese Shippers' Council

The exporter records the shipment on the BIETC platform of the Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC). The note covers outbound freight by sea, air and road and supports the freight traffic monitoring set up by ordinance no. 009/PR/2014 of 20 August 2014.

Institution	Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Location	Gabonese Shippers' Council office in Owendo (filing of documents)
Delay	Not published; for air freight the document is released on arrival after checks and payment
Documents	Contract of carriage, Commercial invoice, Freight invoice or certificate, Packing list
Fees	Export BIETC, all zones and modes (WTO 2023, CGC): 2,500 FCFA (official) Express freight export supplement (WTO 2023): 1,000 FCFA (official)
Link	https://cgcgabon.ga/bietc-aerien/

6 File the detailed export declaration in ASYCUDA World

A licensed customs broker files the detailed declaration in ASYCUDA World (SYDONIA World), with the sanitary or phytosanitary certificate and the certificate of origin when the importing country requires them. A simplified export declaration (DESE) is available to some exporters.

Institution	Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Location	Customs headquarters, 823 avenue Nelson Mandela, Oloumi industrial zone, Libreville, and customs offices at the port, airport and land borders
Delay	Average customs processing time for exports of 24 hours according to the authorities (WTO 2023) (official)
Documents	Detailed customs declaration, Commercial invoice, Packing list, Foreign exchange undertaking, Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC)
Fees	Not published (customs broker fee)
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/professionnels/procedures-douanieres

Documents to prepare

☐	Extract from the trade and personal property credit register (RCCM) Issued by Registry of the Libreville commercial court (trade and personal property credit register) (RCCM)	Step 1
☐	Single registration form (FUE) Issued by National Investment Promotion Agency of Gabon (ANPI-Gabon)	Step 1
☐	Phytosanitary certificate Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Step 3
☐	Sanitary certificate for exported food Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Step 3
☐	Certificate of origin	Step 3
☐	Foreign exchange undertaking Issued by Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)	Steps 4, 6
☐	Commercial invoice	Steps 4, 5, 6
☐	Contract of carriage	Step 5
☐	Freight invoice or certificate	Step 5
☐	Packing list	Steps 5, 6
☐	Detailed customs declaration Issued by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)	Step 6
☐	Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC) Issued by Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)	Step 6

Fees

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
1	Not published	Not published	Variable	
2	Not published	Not published	Variable	
3	See the certification procedures	Not published	Variable	
4	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)	Not published	Variable	
5	Export BIETC, all zones and modes (WTO 2023, CGC)	2,500 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Express freight export supplement (WTO 2023)	1,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
6	Not published (customs broker fee)	Not published	Variable	

Legal basis

Regulation	CEMAC customs code Règlement n° 05/19-UEAC-010A-CM-33 du 22 mars 2019 portant révision du Code des douanes de la CEMAC, of 22 March 2019
Regulation	Regulation on foreign exchange in CEMAC Règlement n° 02/18/CEMAC/UMAC/CM du 21 décembre 2018, of 21 December 2018

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