



Exporting manganese and other mining products

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Manganese is Gabon's main mining export, as ore, silicomanganese and manganese metal. Holders of an exploitation permit or concession export their output freely; other operators need an authorisation from the minister in charge of mines. Precious substances require a certificate of origin from the mining ministry. Bulk shipments are weighed by customs and an export duty applies to manganese and gold. Extractive companies domicile their exports worth at least 10 million FCFA with their bank and repatriate the proceeds to CEMAC, at a rate of 50% from 2027 and 70% from 2028 according to the BEAC.

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 6 proportional or variable fees
Responsible institution Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources		Last validation 22 September 2026

Steps

1 Hold a mining title or obtain an export authorisation

The mining code (law no. 037/2018 of 11 June 2019) and its implementing decree allow free export for companies holding an exploitation permit or concession for the product concerned. In other cases an export authorisation from the minister in charge of mines is required. The state company Société équatoriale des mines (SEM) markets the production shares due to the State.

Institution	Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Mining title (exploitation permit or concession), Mining products export authorisation
Fees	Not published
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

2 Obtain the certificate of origin for precious substances

Exports of gold, diamonds and other precious substances require a certificate of origin issued by the ministry in charge of mines and a customs endorsement. The 2023 WTO report gives two different amounts for this certificate (1,000,000 FCFA for diamonds and 500,000 FCFA for other substances in one section, 50,000 FCFA and 25,000 FCFA in another); the fee should be confirmed with the ministry.

Institution	Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Documents	Certificate of origin for precious substances
Fees	Conflicting amounts in sources, to be confirmed
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

3 Have the bulk cargo weighed

The DGDDI specific controls directorate weighs merchant ships to determine the quantities exported in bulk, in particular in the minerals sector, in order to establish their value.

Institution	Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Not published
Fees	Not published
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/medias/documents/33/departement-des-contrôles-specifiques

4**Domicile the export with the bank and repatriate the proceeds**

Resident extractive companies, as defined by Regulation No. 01/21/CEMAC/UMAC/CM of 23 December 2021, fall under BEAC Instruction No. 002/GR/2022 of February 2022, which replaces Instruction No. 006/GR/2019 for them (article 2); their subcontractors and transporters, as defined in article 1, are excluded. Any export of goods or services by an extractive company worth at least 10 million FCFA is domiciled (article 4), except for the exemptions in article 5 (ship and aircraft supplies, samples, reusable packaging, gifts to a foreign State). Domiciliation is made with the credit institution holding the account, within 15 days of the export (article 7). The file contains the export declaration following the annexed template, the invoice or pro forma invoice, the contract or purchase order and the bill of lading where applicable, and the tax identification number (article 8); the foreign exchange undertaking is not listed. Proceeds are repatriated to CEMAC within 150 days at most (article 12). Instruction No. 001/GR/2026 of 23 April 2026 raises the rate at which extractive companies must repatriate foreign currency to CEMAC, payments in kind included, to 50% from 1 January 2027 and 70% from 1 January 2028; amounts set aside for site rehabilitation funds are not covered. Other exporters of mining products follow Instruction No. 006/GR/2019: domiciliation with a foreign exchange undertaking for exports outside CEMAC worth at least 5 million FCFA, unless exempted (articles 1, 6, 13 and 18).

Institution	Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Extractive companies: domiciliation within 15 days of export; other exporters: before customs clearance. Repatriation within 150 days at most in both cases
Documents	Foreign exchange undertaking, Commercial invoice
Fees	Extractive companies: single domiciliation fee of at most 100,000 FCFA per transaction, transfer charges included (BEAC Instruction No. 002/GR/2022, art. 7) Other exporters: not published (bank charges set by each bank)
Link	https://www.beac.int/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Instruction-N%C2%B0002-GR-2022.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. Manganese and gold bear an export duty; other ores do not according to the WTO (2023).

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	Manganese export duty: 3.5% of the reference value according to the WTO (2023), 3% according to the DGDDI; 1% cap under the 2019 mining code according to the WTO. Applicable rate to be confirmed Gold export duty, 1% to 3% depending on grade and mining agreement
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/professionnels/procedures-douanieres

Documents to prepare

☐	Mining title (exploitation permit or concession) Issued by Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources	Step 1
☐	Mining products export authorisation Issued by Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources	Step 1
☐	Certificate of origin for precious substances Issued by Ministry of Mines and Geological Resources	Step 2
☐	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	Conflicting amounts in sources, to be confirmed	Not published		
3	Not published	Not published	Variable	
4	Extractive companies: single domiciliation fee of at most 100,000 FCFA per transaction, transfer charges included (BEAC Instruction No. 002/GR/2022, art. 7)	Not published	Variable	
4	Other exporters: 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	Manganese export duty: 3.5% of the reference value according to the WTO (2023), 3% according to the DGDDI; 1% cap under the 2019 mining code according to the WTO. Applicable rate to be confirmed	Not published	Percentage	
6	Gold export duty, 1% to 3% depending on grade and mining agreement	Not published	Percentage	

Legal basis

Code	Mining code Loi n° 037/2018 du 11 juin 2019 portant réglementation du secteur minier en République gabonaise, of 11 June 2019
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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