



Importing food products

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Imports of food, additives and products of animal or plant origin are controlled by the Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA) in addition to the general customs formalities. The importer must be approved, obtain an annual import authorisation and have a veterinary sanitary import certificate issued when the products arrive. Products in chapters 1 to 24 of the Harmonized System are outside the PROGEC conformity certificate.

Steps 4	Total indicative delay At least 1 day 2 steps without a published delay	Total indicative cost Proportional or variable fees
Responsible institution Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)		Last validation 22 September 2026

Steps

1 Register and obtain approval as an importer with AGASA

Before any import, the business operator opens an importer account with AGASA and obtains an approval. Private individuals importing for their own consumption are only registered. Sanitary approval is divided into three categories depending on the type of establishment (industry, catering, retail, transport). According to the approval procedure published by AGASA, the application is filed at the head office, at the AGASA desk of ANPI (the investment promotion agency), at a provincial office or on the online platform. After an admissibility review, a sanitary audit of the establishment is carried out by at least two inspectors or controllers; missing documents must be provided within 15 working days of notification. Approval depends on the establishment's class: valid for one year for classes A and B, conditional for three months for class C, after which a new audit leads to a one-year approval or a refusal.

Institution	Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Delay	Issuing time not published; missing documents due within 15 working days; approval valid for one year (classes A and B) or three months on a conditional basis (class C)
Documents	AGASA sanitary approval, Extract from the trade and personal property credit register (RCCM)
Fees	Amount given to the operator by AGASA after review of the file; not published
Link	https://agasa.click/fr/documentation/procedures

2 Obtain the food import authorisation

The approved operator obtains a food import authorisation valid for one year. For poultry and pork products a prior import declaration is also required; these products are inspected free of charge within 48 hours of arrival.

Institution	Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Valid for one year; issuing time not published
Documents	Food import authorisation
Fees	Not published
Link	https://agasa.site/

3 Have the veterinary sanitary import certificate issued

When the products arrive, AGASA issues the veterinary sanitary import certificate (CSVI) to importers who followed the procedure. The file contains the import application form signed by the AGASA director general, the CSVI form in three copies, the packing list, a copy of the certificate of origin, the original sanitary documents from the country of origin and the payment receipt.

Institution	Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)
Channel	Online or at the counter
Delay	Inspection of poultry and pork products within 48 hours of arrival; other products not published (official)
Documents	Veterinary sanitary import certificate (CSVI), Packing list, Certificate of origin, Sanitary certificate from the country of origin, AGASA payment receipt
Fees	Import fee, fresh and frozen products (order no. 006/MAEPA of 31 March 2020), 1 FCFA per kg: 1 FCFA (official) Import fee, manufactured and dry food (order no. 006/MAEPA of 31 March 2020), 0.5 FCFA per kg: 0.50 FCFA (official)
Link	https://agasa.site/

4 Clear the goods through customs

The licensed customs broker files the detailed declaration in ASYCUDA World with the general documents (transport document, BIETC, invoice, certificate of origin) and the certificates issued by AGASA. A radioactivity-free certificate is required for food products. Some basic necessities benefit from a reduced 5% rate under the cost of living programme.

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 of 24 hours after a complete declaration is filed according to the authorities (WTO 2023) (official)
Documents	Detailed customs declaration, Veterinary sanitary import certificate (CSVI), Radioactivity-free certificate, Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC), Commercial invoice
Fees	Duties and taxes under the common external tariff and VAT
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/professionnels/procedures-douanieres

Documents to prepare

☐	AGASA sanitary approval Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Step 1
☐	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
☐	Food import authorisation Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Step 2
☐	Veterinary sanitary import certificate (CSVI) Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Steps 3, 4
☐	Packing list	Step 3
☐	Certificate of origin	Step 3
☐	Sanitary certificate from the country of origin	Step 3
☐	AGASA payment receipt Issued by Gabonese Food Safety Agency (AGASA)	Step 3
☐	Detailed customs declaration Issued by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)	Step 4
☐	Radioactivity-free certificate	Step 4
☐	Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC) Issued by Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)	Step 4



Fees

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
1	Amount given to the operator by AGASA after review of the file; not published	Not published	Variable	
2	Not published	Not published	Variable	
3	Import fee, fresh and frozen products (order no. 006/MAEPA of 31 March 2020), 1 FCFA per kg	1 FCFA	Variable	Official
3	Import fee, manufactured and dry food (order no. 006/MAEPA of 31 March 2020), 0.5 FCFA per kg	0.50 FCFA	Variable	Official
4	Duties and taxes under the common external tariff and VAT	Not published	Percentage	

Legal basis

Decree	Decree establishing the Gabonese food safety agency (AGASA) Décret n° 0292/PR/MAPDR du 18 février 2011 portant création et organisation de l'Agence gabonaise de sécurité alimentaire, of 18 February 2011
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

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