



Importing goods into Gabon

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General path of a commercial import into Gabon: importer registration, conformity certificate for regulated products, prior import declaration, BIETC cargo tracking note, clearance in ASYCUDA World through a licensed broker, then payment of duties and release. Gabon applies the CEMAC common external tariff. A foreign trade single window has been under design since 2026 but is not yet operational.

Steps 7	Total indicative delay At least 1 day 6 steps without a published delay	Total indicative cost 81,500 FCFA plus 10 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

Every importer must be entered in the trade and personal property credit register (RCCM) and registered with the Directorate General of Taxes. The one-stop desk of the National Investment Promotion Agency (ANPI-Gabon) handles these formalities and issues a single registration form. Traders also show the receipt for the business licence tax (patente). The requirements are the same for Gabonese and foreign persons.

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), Business licence tax (patente) receipt
Fees	Filing fee for a sole proprietorship, 85,000 to 135,000 FCFA (WTO 2023) Filing fee for a company, 220,000 to 370,000 FCFA (WTO 2023)
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

2 Obtain the PROGEC conformity certificate if the product is regulated

Construction materials, electrical and electronic appliances, cosmetics, medical and surgical devices and toys fall under the Gabonese conformity assessment programme (PROGEC) run by the Gabonese Standards Agency (AGANOR). The certificate of conformity is obtained before shipment from a mandated body; without it the consignment is refused at clearance. See the dedicated procedure.

Institution	Gabonese Standards Agency (AGANOR)
Channel	Online
Delay	Not published
Documents	PROGEC certificate of conformity (CoC)
Fees	See the PROGEC procedure
Link	https://verigates.bureauveritas.com/programmes/gabon

3 Complete the prior import declaration

According to the 2023 WTO report, all imported goods are covered by an import declaration (DPI) issued by the directorate in charge of foreign trade. The practical arrangements (form, timing, cost) are not published online by the administration.

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

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Domicile the import with a bank (5 million FCFA or more)

Under BEAC Instruction No. 007/GR/2019 of 10 June 2019, any import of goods or services with an FOB value of at least 5 million FCFA, determined under the CEMAC customs code, is domiciled by the importer with a licensed intermediary in the country of final destination, unless exempted (article 6). Domiciliation comes before any transfer, commitment or customs clearance, and is made with a single credit institution (article 7). For goods, the file contains the pro forma invoice, the contract where applicable, the import declaration, the tax identification number or an equivalent document and, for restricted products, the required authorisation (article 11). The bank issues a domiciliation certificate whose references must appear on the import documents (articles 12 and 13). Where domiciliation is mandatory, customs reject any detailed declaration without it (article 27). Exemptions include purchases under customs control, gifts to CEMAC States, personal effects and household removals, and returned goods that involve no payment (article 14). The supplier may only be paid through the domiciliation bank (article 15), and the file is cleared within three months of payment for goods (article 21). Splitting an import to stay below the threshold is prohibited (article 26). Companies in the extractive sector are covered by a separate instruction, No. 001/GR/2022.

Institution	Licensed intermediary banks (domiciliation banks)
Channel	At the counter
Delay	Processing time not published; domiciliation before any payment and before customs clearance (BEAC Instruction No. 007/GR/2019, art. 7)
Documents	Commercial invoice, Tax registration certificate (NIF)
Fees	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)
Link	https://www.beac.int/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Instruction-n%C2%B0-007-GR-2019.pdf

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Obtain the BIETC from the Gabonese Shippers' Council

The shipper or its agent opens an account on the BIETC platform of the Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC), records the shipment and attaches the transport document, supplier invoice, freight invoice and packing list. The electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC) is one of the documents customs require for sea and air imports. The fee depends on the transport mode and the zone of origin.

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	Sea BIETC, origin Central and West Africa (WTO 2023): 20,000 FCFA (official) Sea BIETC, origin Europe and North Africa (WTO 2023): 100 GBP (official) Sea BIETC, origin Asia, Middle East, Americas, Southern and East Africa (WTO 2023): 150 USD (official) Air cargo BIETC, imports from Asia and the Americas (CGC): 20,000 FCFA (official) Air cargo BIETC, imports from Europe (CGC): 15,000 FCFA (official) Air cargo BIETC, imports from Africa (CGC): 10,000 FCFA (official) Road BIETC, depending on departure zone (WTO 2023, range 5,000 to 60,000 FCFA)
Link	https://cgcgabon.ga/bietc-aerien/

6 Have the goods cleared in ASYCUDA World

A licensed customs broker files the detailed declaration, which may be lodged before the goods arrive. For sea transport customs ask for the bill of lading, the BIETC, the commercial invoice and the certificate of origin; for air, the air waybill; for road, the consignment note. Other documents may be required depending on the product: insurance certificate, registration document for vehicles, sanitary or phytosanitary certificates, radioactivity-free certificate for food products. See the import customs declaration procedure.

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 clearance time of 24 hours after a complete declaration is filed, according to the authorities (WTO 2023) (official)
Documents	Detailed customs declaration, Bill of lading (B/L), Air waybill (AWB), Road consignment note, Commercial invoice, Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC), Certificate of origin, Insurance certificate, Packing list
Fees	Duties and taxes under the CEMAC common external tariff and domestic taxation Scanning fee per twenty-foot equivalent container, excluding tax (order no. 009/MPEPIP/CAB/DGDDI of 7 April 2015): 81,500 FCFA (official) Not published (customs broker fee)
Link	https://www.douanes.ga/medias/documents/72/importation-de-marchandises-

7 Pay the duties and collect the goods

Payment is made in cash or through a removal credit. Since a 2018 circular, duties and taxes up to 7,000,000 FCFA may be paid in cash; above that a certified cheque is required. Release then allows the goods to be collected at the port, airport or border office.

Institution	Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)
Channel	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	Not published
Documents	Customs duties payment receipt
Fees	Amount of duties and taxes assessed
Link	https://www.wto.org/french/tratop_f/tpr_f/s445-04_f.pdf

Documents to prepare



Extract from the trade and personal property credit register (RCCM)

Step 1

Issued by Registry of the Libreville commercial court (trade and personal property credit register) (RCCM)

☐	Single registration form (FUE) Issued by National Investment Promotion Agency of Gabon (ANPI-Gabon)	Step 1
☐	Business licence tax (patente) receipt Issued by Directorate General of Taxes (DGI)	Step 1
☐	PROGEC certificate of conformity (CoC) Issued by Gabonese Standards Agency (AGANOR)	Step 2
☐	Prior import declaration (DPI) Issued by Directorate General of Trade (foreign trade) (DGC)	Step 3
☐	Commercial invoice	Steps 3, 4, 5, 6
☐	Tax registration certificate (NIF) Issued by Directorate General of Taxes (DGI)	Step 4
☐	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
☐	Bill of lading (B/L)	Step 6
☐	Air waybill (AWB)	Step 6
☐	Road consignment note	Step 6
☐	Electronic cargo tracking note (BIETC) Issued by Gabonese Shippers' Council (CGC)	Step 6
☐	Certificate of origin	Step 6
☐	Insurance certificate	Step 6
☐	Customs duties payment receipt Issued by Directorate General of Customs and Indirect Duties (DGDDI)	Step 7

Fees

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
1	Filing fee for a sole proprietorship, 85,000 to 135,000 FCFA (WTO 2023)	Not published	Variable	
1	Filing fee for a company, 220,000 to 370,000 FCFA (WTO 2023)	Not published	Variable	

Step	Fee	Amount	Basis	Status
2	See the PROGEC procedure	Not published	Percentage	
3	Not published	Not published	Variable	
4	Not published (bank charges set by each bank)	Not published	Variable	
5	Sea BIETC, origin Central and West Africa (WTO 2023)	20,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Sea BIETC, origin Europe and North Africa (WTO 2023)	100 GBP	Fixed amount	Official
5	Sea BIETC, origin Asia, Middle East, Americas, Southern and East Africa (WTO 2023)	150 USD	Fixed amount	Official
5	Air cargo BIETC, imports from Asia and the Americas (CGC)	20,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Air cargo BIETC, imports from Europe (CGC)	15,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Air cargo BIETC, imports from Africa (CGC)	10,000 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
5	Road BIETC, depending on departure zone (WTO 2023, range 5,000 to 60,000 FCFA)	Not published	Variable	
6	Duties and taxes under the CEMAC common external tariff and domestic taxation	Not published	Percentage	
6	Scanning fee per twenty-foot equivalent container, excluding tax (order no. 009/MPEPIP/CAB/DGDDI of 7 April 2015)	81,500 FCFA	Fixed amount	Official
6	Not published (customs broker fee)	Not published	Variable	
7	Amount of duties and taxes assessed	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
Law	CEMAC customs tariff and common external tariff Acte n° 7/93-UDEAC-556-SE1 du 21 juin 1993 portant révision du tarif extérieur commun et fixant les modalités d'application du tarif préférentiel généralisé, modifié, of 21 June 1993

Ordinance	Ordinance on freight traffic management (BIETC) Ordonnance n° 009/PR/2014 du 20 août 2014, of 20 August 2014
Order	Order setting the conditions for conformity assessment against standards Arrêté n° 17/MMIT du 18 mars 2015 fixant les conditions d'application de l'évaluation de la conformité aux normes, of 18 March 2015

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