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Kenya Import Duty Rate Reference Guide

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IMPORT DUTY CALCULATION FORMULA

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CIF Value = Cost + Insurance + Freight (USD)
Import Duty = CIF Value × Duty Rate (%)
Excise Duty = (CIF + Import Duty) × Excise Rate (%)
IDF Fee = CIF Value × 2.5%
RDL = CIF Value × 2%
VAT = (CIF + Import Duty + Excise Duty) × 16%
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VEHICLE IMPORT DUTIES

Vehicle Type	HS Code	Import Duty	Excise Duty
Saloon Cars (≤1500cc petrol)	8703	35%	20%
Saloon Cars (1500-3000cc petrol)	8703	35%	25%
Saloon Cars (>3000cc petrol)	8703	35%	35%
SUVs & 4×4 (>1500-2500cc diesel)	8703	35%	25%
SUVs & 4×4 (>2500cc diesel)	8703	35%	35%
Pickup Trucks (bakkies)	8704	35%	20%
Motorcycles	8711	25%	Confirm current specific/ad valorem treatment

Important: These are selected classification pointers, not a complete tariff schedule. Confirm the exact HS line, specifications and current measure. Confirm the appointed inspection route before shipping; a fixed surcharge does not guarantee admission. Plan ordinary passenger-car imports around RHD and the eight-year eligibility requirement.

COMMON CONSUMER GOODS DUTIES

Product Category	HS Code	Import Duty	Notes
Smart Phones	8517.13	25%	Type approval required
Mobile Phones (feature)	8517.14.00	25%	Selected Kenya 2026/27 measure; confirm classification
Television Sets	8528.72	35%	-
Solar Panels	8541.49	0%	Renewable energy

Product Category	HS Code	Import Duty	Notes
Laptops & Computers	8471.30	0%	Confirm exact tariff line
Cement	2523	35%	+ Excise duty
Steel Bars & Rods	7214	35%	-
Roofing Sheets	7210	35%	-

INDUSTRIAL & MACHINERY DUTIES

Machinery Type	HS Code Range	Import Duty
Agricultural Machinery	8432-8434	0% where the exact tariff line qualifies
Construction Equipment	8429-8430	0% where the exact tariff line qualifies
Generators	8502	10%
Electric Motors	8501	10%
Pumps	8413	10%

Additional Fees:
- IDF (Import Declaration Fee): 2.5% of CIF
- VAT: 16% on (CIF + Duty + Excise)
- Railway Development Levy: 2% of CIF

FREE DAYS AT MOMBASA PORT

Cargo Type	Free Days (KPA)	Storage After
Local Imports	5 consecutive days	Current KPA tariff by size/category
Transit Uganda/Rwanda	15 consecutive days	Current KPA tariff by size/category
Transit Other EAC	15 consecutive days	Confirm transit-container category

Pro Tip: Use Kenya Tradex's free Import Duty Calculator at kenyatradex.africa/import-duty-calculator.html for instant estimates based on your cargo value and HS code.

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