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CONSULAR OFFICE - BAMAKO

DEATHS - DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

In the Republic of Mali, one does not have the opportunity to choose between local morticians. There is only one mortician in Bamako serving the foreign community. This is an Islamic country where burial usually takes place within a few hours after death. All laws and regulations are national in scope. The information gathered is as follows:

- A. Maximum period before burial - A body that has not been embalmed can remain in cold storage for seven days before burial is required; there is no specific period in which an embalmed body must be buried.
- B. Embalming - There are embalming facilities at the medical school located at Point G Hospital in Bamako and at the Centre Odonto in Bamako Coura. Bodies are preserved using the formalin process. Bodies must be embalmed within three days.
- C. Casket and Containers - Caskets and containers can be manufactured on short notice in Bamako. They usually meet requirements for shipment out of the country.
- D. Exportation of Remains - Mali regulations require the approval by decree of the Ministry of the Interior (Administration Territoriale et des Collectivités) to export dead bodies. In order to obtain the decree, the following documents must be presented to the Ministry: Medical certificate, Permission to Embalm, Affidavit by local mortician, Police Report and Death Report.
- E. Costs

<i>Approximate exchange rate: 720 f CFA to 1 U.S. dollar, subject to fluctuation</i>	
Local burial in wooden box 1.85m	155,000 f CFA
Metallic coffin with accessories	278,250 f CFA
Purifier	77,200 f CFA
Preservation costs with formalin	100,000 f CFA
Washing of the Body	75,000 f CFA
Sheets and deodorants	13,000 f CFA
Wooden container	75,000 f CFA
Embalming costs	90,000 f CFA
Costs of administrative procedures	30,000 f CFA
Cost of transportation to Bamako-Senou Airport	35,000 f CFA
Cost of Disinterment	180,000 f CFA

- F. Remains can be disinterred for shipment to the US at any time after burial. One would have to pay for labor of the cemetery workers, plus the fee for preparing for shipment and shipping costs as outlined above.

In addition, there is an airport tax of 15,000 f CFA to pay.

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