
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR IMPORTS

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

- Packing list in Spanish
- Airway bill / original bill of lading
- Passport copy

Foreign Citizen: No Legal Residence in Uruguay

- Certificate of entrance
- Certificate of residence
- Form requesting authorization from customs for incoming household goods
- Receipt proving that legal residence procedure has been started
- Photocopy of passport or identity card
- Customs guarantee

Foreign Diplomat

- Diplomatic Franchise

Returning Uruguayan Diplomat

- Authorization Resolution.

Returning Uruguayan Citizen and/or Foreign Citizen with Legal Residence Visa

- Certificate of residence issued by Uruguayan Consulate at origin.
- Certificate of entrance to Uruguay issued by “Dirección Nacional de Migraciones” (Migratory National Direction)
- Signed request-letter for customs requesting entry of the household goods and personal effects
- A Uruguayan identity card or passport copy.

B. Specific Regulations

- Items other than household goods and personal effects are subject to import duties. Contact local agent in Uruguay for specific regulations and requirements to avoid customs issues, delays and extra costs.
- Do not indicate “PBO” (packed by owner) on the packing list; each piece must be described specifically.
- Packing list in Spanish must be typed on a computer or typewriter and printed on letterhead.
- Industrial tools, machinery, new appliances, etc. are not considered personal effects.
- The certificate of entrance is issued by the National Direction of Migration.

Foreign Citizen without Legal Residence in Uruguay

- The airway bill or bill of lading must be endorsed by the consignee with the same signature used on the entry documents when the shipper physically entered Uruguay.
- The customs procedure to obtain the Certificate of Entrance to Uruguay must be started within 60 days of the date stated in this certificate.
- Foreigners who have not yet obtained legal residence in Uruguay may import their household goods and personal effects duty and tax-free only if they have started the request procedure to obtain legal residence in Uruguay.
- Documents and procedures for each case are very different. For this reason, the move must be started and finished (with the entry of the personal effects and household goods) in the same condition (as a legal resident or as a foreigner citizen requesting legal residence). The condition must not be changed during the procedure.
- Contact the Uruguayan Consulate in the country of origin for assistance for questions.
- The consignee must guarantee his/her shipment by depositing an amount of money with Uruguayan Customs until the certificate of residence is obtained.
- The guarantee amount is determined based on the declared value of the shipment provided by the consignee/transferee.

Foreign Diplomat

- Consignee will have to obtain a customs release with a note or diplomatic franchise for the incoming household goods. The process should be managed by the diplomat's embassy, consulate, or diplomatic organization to obtain the relevant documentation from the "Ministry of Foreign Affairs".

Returning Uruguayan Diplomat

- Returning Diplomat must obtain an authenticated packing list from the Uruguayan Consulate at origin.
- The airway bill or bill of lading must be endorsed by the consignee with the same signature used on the entry documents when the shipper physically entered Uruguay.
- For the Authority Resolution, the consignee should contact the local agent in Uruguay as the process involves multiple governmental ministries and can be confusing.

Returning Uruguayan Citizen and/or Foreign Citizen with Legal Residence Visa

- The certificate of residence must state that the shipper has lived abroad for at least 1 year.
- The airway bill or bill of lading must be endorsed by the consignee with the same signature used on the entry documents when the shipper physically entered Uruguay.
- The customs procedure to obtain the Certificate of Entrance to Uruguay must be started within 60 days of the date stated in this certificate.
- The packing list must be authenticated by the Uruguayan Consulate at origin and it must be typed.

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- Any Uruguayan with more than two years of residence in a foreign country, who decides to repatriate permanently may import their household goods and personal effects duty and tax-free.

Note: As of July 1, 2005, all wood containers that come into Uruguay must be fumigated against pests with the method of treatment properly identified on the container. The requirement is fulfilled by means of a seal in the wood. If the load comes from a non-signatory country of the convention, a sanitary certificate in paper must be issued. Signatory countries include: Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Treatment to the packing will be performed by the following procedures:

- a) Heat treatment at 56° centigrade in the center of the wood for no less than 30 minutes.
- b) Methyl Bromide Fumigation (BR).

Woods carried by the trucks (propping, tops, etc.) must be treated. Seals must be in 2 sides of the pallet and must always be visible. Containers of household goods imports will be verified in the presence of the client. Treatment is not required for particle plywood or boards that are thinner than 6mm.

MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Documents Required

*** Foreign Citizens are not allowed to import cars unless they import under diplomatic status.**

- Original commercial invoice in consignee's name.
- Driving document under shipper's name.
- Written evidence of freight and insurance issued by the moving company at origin in case the movement is managed from Uruguay.
- Original bill of lading

Foreign Diplomat

- Photocopy of passport and diplomatic identity card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Diplomatic franchise.
- Vehicle property document or circulation document issued with consignee's name.

Returning Uruguayan Diplomat

- Certificate or written evidence of car's registration at origin country, dated 6 months before shipper's arrival to Uruguay and authenticated by the Uruguayan Consulate at origin
- A resolution authorizing the import of the vehicle from the Ministry of Economy and Finance.
- Photocopy of identity card (must be legible)

Returning Uruguayan Citizen

- Certificate or written evidence of car's registration at origin country, dated 6 months before shipper's arrival to Uruguay and authenticated by the Uruguayan Consulate at origin
- Photocopy of identity card (must be legible)
- Complete information of the consignee.
- Employment confirmation at origin
- Address in Uruguay
- Confirmation of ownership and usage at origin for a period of more than one year.
- Personal sworn statement from consignee.
- Confirmation of residency abroad for a period of more than two years.
- Declaration of seeking protection expressly to the law N ° 18.250 and to the Decree #330/2008.

B. Specific Regulations

Returning Uruguayan Diplomat

- May import used or new vehicles with a previous authorization from the Ministry of Economy and Finance.
- New vehicles can only be those that the Uruguayan automotive industry assembles.

Foreign Citizen

- May not import vehicles.

Returning Uruguayan Citizen

- It is strongly recommended that the returning Uruguayans contact the local agent in Uruguay prior to importing a vehicle.
- Consignee must provide documentation that demonstrates permanent and uninterrupted residence in the country of origin for a period of at least two years. This documentation must be legalized by the Uruguayan Consulate at origin.
- The vehicle cannot be sold or transferred for a period of 4 years and must be registered directly by the client with the appropriate local authorities.
- Vehicle importers will have to present themselves once per year to Customs for the following four years from the time of import

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Certificate of health issued by competent authorities at origin
- Photographs of the pet (2 copies)
- Certificate of *Anti-hydrofolic Inoculation* at least 30 days old but less than one year old after the application. The certificate itself must be less than 10 working days old when the animal arrives to the country.

B. Specific Regulations

- The Certificate of *Anti-hydrofolic Inoculation* must be at least 30 days old but no older than one year than the date on the application.
- The certificate itself must be less than 10 working days old when the animal arrives to the country.

RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- New household goods subject to duties and value added tax.
- Domestic appliances, devices, and / or machines that are not classified as "household goods" by Uruguayan Customs.
- Televisions, refrigerators, and other domestic appliances must be in proportion to the size of the family.
- Bicycles are allowed only as part of a household goods shipment
- Works of art and antiques
- Alcohol and tobacco products
- Food
- Jewelry and coins.
- Wedding gifts require packing list and a visa marriage certificate.
- Inherited goods require a tax payment. The appraisal is done by customs and the step can take 30 days.

Firearms and Weapons

- Weapons imported into Uruguay are kept under custody by the Uruguayan Armed Forces.
- Only sport guns may be imported and require a permit from Ministry of Defense.
- All firearms must be declared in the packing list. This includes the listing of all specifications of the weapon and all property documents must accompany it for customs.
- At the moment of loading the container, weapons must be placed at the door of container to enable easy access for the customs officer.
- Customs officer will take possession of the weapon at the moment of shipment arrival shipment and take them for safekeeping to the Service of Material and Armament. The weapon will be kept there until the shipper regularizes all documents in Uruguay and obtains permission to import the weapon.
- Foreign citizens should obtain legal residence and a Uruguayan identity card before obtaining permission to import a weapon.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Weapons and ammunition (contact agent for details)
- New domestic appliances.
- Medicines, narcotics, or drugs
- Pornographic or subversive materials
- Live plants

CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND PORT INFORMATION

Recommended: Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the airway bill / bill of lading, packing list, passport copy, and full contact

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details of the consignee. As consignment instructions change from time to time, it is prudent to reconfirm the advised consignment instructions prior to shipping particularly if the client will be importing as a diplomat.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly “Used household goods and personal effects.”
- Packing list should be in English and Spanish.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the waybill, packing list, customs valued inventories, bill of lading and shipping schedule should be sent as soon as possible.

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