

Venezuela

Ports: La Guaira and Puerto Cabello
Prohibited: Narcotics, Drugs, Explosives, Pornography, New Furniture
Cont: None

Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Required Documents: (1) Commercial Invoice (2) Original OBL or AWB (3) Customs Forms A+B and Authorization to Agent (at Destination) (4) Import License
Customs Regulations: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Need permit from Treasury Dept. TOBACCO: Finished product: Importation prohibited. Not finished: Reserved to Government and Special License.
Clearance: Try not over 2 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No
Remarks: High pilferage risk at Customs area; therefore, all documents must arrive before shipment arrives.

Diplomatic Removals

Required Documents: (1) Original AWB or OBL (2) Diplomatic Passport (3) Inventory in Spanish (4) Exemption from Treasury Dept.(at Destination) (5) Sworn Value Declaration, Customs Forms A+B, and Authorization (at Destination)
Customs Regulations: Venezuelan Customs has right of inspection, but no duties apply.
Clearance: Air: 2 to 3 days. Ocean: 4 to 5 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No
Remarks: Diplomatic Exemption does not cover Port Charges and Demurrage, which must be paid if applicable. Since OBL is needed for Exemption from Treasury Dept. and this may last up to 3 weeks, all documents must be sent by courier.

Firearms and Weapons

Required Documents: (1) Commercial Invoice (2) Original OBL or AWB (3) Customs Forms A+B and Authorization to Agent (at Destination) (4) Import License
Customs Regulations: Reserved to Government and Special License. Permit from Dept. of Internal Affairs.
Clearance: Usually not over 2 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No
Remarks: High pilferage risk at Customs area; therefore, all documents must be in Vzla. before shipment arrives.

Household Goods and Personal Effects

Required Documents: (1) Original AWB or OBL (2) Passport showing TRANSIT or RESIDENT Visa (3) Certificate of usage, stamped at Venezuelan Consulate of Origin (4) Inventory in Spanish (Agent may translate from English) (5) Sworn Value Declaration (at Destination) (6) Customs Forms (A+B) and Authorization to Agent (All at Destination)
Customs Regulations: Used household goods pay duties. Only personal effects (travel articles) and few items (like used books) are duty exempt. A special discount is granted for usage if goods have been in owner's possession and out of the country for at least 6 months. Highest discount is given when this time period is over 3 years.
Clearance: Air shipments: 3 to 5 working days. Ocean shipments: 5 to 7 working days. Customer presence required for clearance? No
Remarks: Many Consulate's employees have the practice of saying that a Certificate of Usage is not

needed. Insist. And if they don't have the form, ask Agent in Vzla. for it; and have it stamped. Demurrage charges are very high; and the mail system is not the best. Therefore, documents (original OBL) for ocean shipments with transit time of less than 3 weeks, should be sent by courier.

New Furniture

Required Documents: Prohibited.

Customs Regulations:

Clearance:

Remarks:

Pets and Animals

Required Documents: DOMESTIC(PETS): (1) Proof of Inoculation (2) Health Certificate (3) Owner's Passport with TRANSIT or RESIDENT Visa (4) Original OBL or AWB (5) Customs Form (at Destination)
OTHER ANIMALS: (1) Proof of Inoculation (2) Health Certificate (orig.) (3) Original AWB or OBL (4) Government License (5) Permit from Department of Agriculture

Customs Regulations: Animals can be subject to quarantine Upon entry in Venezuela. Dept. of Agriculture will inspect and give a Venezuelan Certificate of Health.

Clearance: Customer presence required for clearance? Yes

Remarks:

Vehicles

Required Documents: (1) Proof of Ownership (2) Commercial Invoice (3) Original OBL or AWB (4) Passport showing TRANSIT or RESIDENT Visa (5) Customs Forms A+B and Authorization to Agent (at Destination) (6) If Diplomatic, the Exemption from Treasury Dept. is needed.

Customs Regulations: RESTRICTION: Reserved only to the Government and its Depts. or to Embassies and their Officials, or Institutions with Agreement for exonerations. As to the National Government, models must be not over 6 cylinders, and same model as made in Vzla.

Clearance: At least one full work week. Customer presence required for clearance? No

Remarks:

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