

# United States Via Los Angeles

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**Ports:** Los Angeles  
**Prohibited:** Ivory; Turtle Shell; Some Coral; Illegal Narcotics/ Explosives; Pornography; Endangered Species  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** (1) Inventory or invoices showing value and gallon quantity (2) Types of liquor  
**Customs Regulations:** Subject to Customs duty and IR tax  
**Clearance:** 1 to 3 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Should get written approval from District Director of Customs at port of arrival for large shipments of liquor

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** Diplomat should contact US Consulate office and State Dept.  
**Customs Regulations:** Is not inspected released by general information office at US Customs  
**Clearance:** Immediate if in order. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:**

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:** Need Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Permit or proof of US ownership  
**Customs Regulations:** No automatic weapons or heavy military type application weapons  
**Clearance:** 1 to 3 days with permit. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** Suggest importer file ATF form prior to shipment as normally takes 6 to 8 weeks to get approved permit back. The standard procedure is for customs to seize the weapons and allow the balance of the shipment to be released.

## Fish and Wildlife

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**Required Documents:** (1) Scientific names (2) Invoice/packing list  
**Customs Regulations:** May need Agriculture inspection and fumigation  
**Clearance:** 1 week. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** If endangered subject to seizure and importer may get penalty

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** (1) US Customs Form 3299 (2) OBL/AWB (3) Inventory, details no PBO or CTN (4) Copy of Passport, Green Card, or Social Security #  
**Customs Regulations:** Owners use for one year  
**Clearance:** Air: 1 to 2 days. Ocean: 2 to 4 days. Customer presence required for clearance? No  
**Remarks:** If importing any animal skins or trophies, please call prior to shipping

## New Furniture

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- Required Documents:** (1) Commercial invoice in ENGLISH (2) Importer Social Security # (3) Power of Attorney (4) OBL/AWB
- Customs Regulations:** If less than one year old dutiable at rates from free to 10.7%
- Clearance:** 3 days if all papers in order. Customer presence required for clearance? No
- Remarks:** Invoices should be detailed as to type of furniture, i.e. - table, chair and what material it is made out of. These details allow for proper customs classification

## Pets and Animals

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- Required Documents:** Proof of Inoculation
- Customs Regulations:** Possible quarantine
- Clearance:** 1 to 2 days if not quarantined. Customer presence required for clearance? No
- Remarks:** Check with broker for specific types of animals

## Vehicles

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- Required Documents:** (1) Bill of Sale (2) Foreign Registration (3) Power of Attorney (4) Social Security # (5) Bond Application (6) Copy of Drivers Lic. (7) Possible Agriculture inspection
- Customs Regulations:** Current Duty is 2.6% of purchase value on new or used auto. \*\*Vehicles shipped with household goods in full containers will be devanned in most cases
- Clearance:** 1 week. Customer presence required for clearance? No
- Remarks:** Customs requires a bond for 3 times the value of the vehicle. EPA & DOT cost run as high as US\$4000.00 on standard vehicles I.E. - BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche. Exotic models can be as high as \$16,000.00 - and still not able to pass US EPA/DOT requirements.

## notes

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- Required Documents:**
- Customs Regulations:**
- Clearance:**
- Remarks:** Shippers should be cautioned about random Customs inspections at U.S. ports, which can result in fees from \$300 to \$1,000 if all necessary clearance and documentation procedures have not been followed.

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