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## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

#### A. Documents Required

- Original passport
- Packing list
- Copy of airway bill / Original bill of lading (2 copies)

#### Diplomat / Military Personnel

- Diplomatic Franchise

#### Foreign Citizen

- Original passport with one year resident visa
- Temporary admission forms

#### Argentine Citizen / Foreign Citizen with Permanent Residence

- Certificate of residence issued by Argentine Consulate in the country of origin (not required for foreigners)

#### B. Specific Regulations

- Shipment must arrive in Argentina no more than three months before and no more than six months after the shipper's first entry.
  - It is not necessary for the shipper to be physically present at customs for clearance; however, shipper must be in the country to sign and certify papers and present original passport.
  - If shipper is an Argentine citizen returning or foreign citizen with permanent residence and does not comply with customs regulations, taxes and duties will be applicable at a rate of 50%, calculated on the FOB value of the shipment.
  - **Per new customs requirements, shipper's passport must show a note written and stamped by customs stating that shipper is expected to receive a shipment of household goods ("Manifiesta esperar equipaje no acompañado") that will allow the importation of the shipment into Argentina.**
  - This will be mandatory for all shippers regardless of their nationality and the type of visa they hold (but not for shippers importing the moves with Diplomatic Franchise).
  - In other words, each shipper must declare at the moment of entering Argentina (at the airport and to customs officers) that he/she is expecting a move to get this fact clearly noted in the passport.
  - Diplomats are exempt from this new customs requirement.
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- If at the expiration date of the guarantee the visa has not been renewed, the goods must be re-exported before the expiring of the guarantee and the visa. If a permanent residence visa has been obtained, the goods must be nationalized and the guarantee will be cancelled.

### Diplomat / Military Personnel

- A Diplomatic Franchise must be obtained from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the diplomatic organization where the shipper is officially employed.

### Foreign Citizen

- A resident visa should be obtained at the Argentinean Embassy or Consulate at origin.
- On air shipments for foreign citizens holding a temporary visa, the move can be imported duty free only if the consignee has a 1 (one) year Visa. If the shipper holds only a 3 or 6 month temporary visa, duties and taxes will be assessed.
- Foreigners with temporary resident visa must pay taxes and duties for the importation of personal effects and household goods (50% on the FOB value)
- Foreign should bring them into the country under *temporary admission* in accordance with the present guarantee system.
- The belongings must be guaranteed (bonded) for the duration of the visa and the bond documents must be renewed each time the visa is renewed.
- Goods can be guaranteed by:
  - A local bond insurance company through a "caution policy" (PÓLIZA DE CAUCIÓN) OR
  - A company that is registered as an import / export agent in Argentina and has its signature registered with customs authorities.
    - This is the more common way used by established companies.
    - In the case that the client cannot comply with these requirements, the move can be imported by paying the taxes and duties as mentioned.

### Argentine Citizen / Foreign Citizen with Permanent Residence

- The passport must show clearly that the shipper has been a resident in another country for a period not less than 12 months
- It also must show that such residence has not been interrupted with entries into Argentina for more than 60 cumulative days in the last 12 months prior to shipper's re-entry.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

### A. Documents Required

- Original passport
  - Original bill of lading (2 copies)
  - Complete car documentation including the property title under the name of the shipper
  - Original purchase invoice
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- Certificate of residence issued by the Argentine Consulate at origin country (returning Argentine citizens and foreigners with permanent residence visa)
- Diplomatic franchise (diplomats only)

**Note:** All documents not in Spanish must be translated by an official Translator and certified by the Argentine College of Translators.

### B. Specific Regulations

- The vehicle must enter Argentina within six months after shipper/owner arrival.
- Vehicle and its documentation must be under shipper's name.
- Importation of **new** vehicles is subject to Ministry of Commerce regulations and is limited to certain types of vehicles. New vehicles cannot be imported as part of the shipment.

#### Argentine Citizens / Foreign Citizens with Permanent Residence

- May import one **used** car or motorcycle for each adult member of the family.

#### Persons with Temporary Visa

- May import used vehicles under *temporary admission*.
- Vehicle is only allowed temporary admission for the same period the client has the visa. This can be renewed if the client extends their visa.
- The vehicle must be removed from Argentina before it expires.
- Original plates must remain with the vehicle.

#### General Requirements

- Vehicle must enter Argentina within (6) six months after shipper/owner arrival.
- Vehicle and its documentation must be under shipper's name.
- Importation of new vehicles is subject to Ministry of Commerce regulations and is limited to certain types of vehicles; new vehicles cannot be imported as part of the move.

#### Duties / Taxes

- Duties will be assessed at approximately 80% of car CIF value for standard cars, 100% for diesel cars and 65% for motorcycles.
- Returning Argentine citizens can use this franchise (always paying taxes and duties) only once per lifetime and customs will authorize just one for each adult member of the family.

#### Wood Packing Materials

- Argentina has adopted the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM-15).
  - Please note that the stamp in the wood will not be sufficient evidence of compliance. The proper certificate verifying compliance must also be sent with the shipment documentation.
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- For more information on ISPM-15, please see [the ISPM standards](#).

### **ANTIQUES, ART EFFECTS, CARPETS, AND PAINTINGS**

- The importation of original paintings or works of art is not restricted in Argentina.
- However, a detailed declaration of all works of art must be provided on a special form. Contact local agent in Argentina for details.

### **PETS (CATS / DOGS)**

#### **A. Documents Required**

- Health certificate
- Current rabies vaccination certificate

#### **B. Specific Requirements**

- The health certificate must be no older than 10 days at the time of pet arrival in Argentina.
- Rabies certificate should be stamped by the nearest Argentine Consulate (if possible); this document should accompany the animal upon arrival in Argentina.
- Check with local agent before the importation of animals for specific requirements.

**Note:** Dogs and cats coming from Asia (except Japan) and Africa must obtain a special import permit before the arrival.

### **RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- Food
- Items that, based on quantity, quality, or type, can be considered to have commercial purposes.

#### **Alcohol**

- Alcoholic beverages up to 30 liters of alcoholic beverages can be imported duty free.
- Contact local agent in Argentina if intending to bring quantities in excess of the duty-free limit.

#### **Firearms**

- Firearms must be loaded near the door of the container to be verified at customs in Argentina.
  - The nationalization and permanent importation of firearms will just be allowed for returning Argentine Citizens or for foreigners holding a Permanent Residence Visa.
  - Foreigners holding a temporary visa can import firearms just on a temporary basis for 3 months.
  - Consult with the local agent in Argentina prior to shipping.
  - The import permit (permanent or temporary) must be issued and obtained before the shipment arrival and on personal basis at "RENAR" (Registro Nacional de Armas).
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- Customer must get a certificate from the Argentine Consulate at origin with the details of the firearms. This document is mandatory and the customer will not be able to start the procedure without it.

### CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- New customs regulations have taken effect in Argentina under the law named “Resolución General de la Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos Nro. 2744/09”.
- All bills of lading must now contain the consignee’s CUIT, CUIL, CDI or passport number (see instructions and glossary below) as well as the first 6 digits of the NCM (Harmonized Code) number which is 97070000 for household goods and personal effects.
- If this information is not on the bill of lading, cargo will not be allowed to register with customs and clearance will cease. This will cause delays and potential fines on the account of the shipper.
- For household goods and personal effects on behalf of an individual, consignment instructions are as follows:
  - Full name of customer (as stated on passport) followed by CUIT, CUIL or CDI Number (of customer)  
c/o Agent Name (CUIT Number)  
Address
- If you ship the cargo through Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC):
  - Full name of customer (as stated on passport) followed by CUIT, CUIL or CDI Number (of customer)  
Jointly and Severally with Agent Name (CUIT Number)  
Agent Address
- If the individual is not a resident, Argentine customs, through a special procedure, will complete the manifest with the personal information of the person (passport number, country of issue, etc.) replacing the CUIT, CUIL or CDI Number.

### Glossary

- *C.U.I.T.: Clave Unica de Identificación Tributaria (unique tax identification code for Companies)*
- *C.U.I.L.: Código Unico de Identificación Laboral (unique tax identification code for Employees)*
- *C.D.I.: Clave de Identificación (unique tax identification code for Foreigner Individuals who have not yet been granted with CUIL or Residence.)*

**Recommended:** Once the shipment is booked, please fax or email 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 details of the consignee.

### Helpful Tips

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- Mark the waybills very clearly “Used household goods and personal effects.”
- Packing list should be in Spanish.
- All documents not in Spanish must be translated by an official translator and certified by the Argentine College of Translators.
- 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, bill of lading, and shipping schedule should be received by agent at least 5 days before shipment arrival.

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illegal drugs
- Child pornography
- Perishable goods
- Plants

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