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<p>General comment</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs authorities apply very strict control to all incoming shipments in relation to their precise weights. It is essential that the declared weight on the bill of lading (OBL) coincides precisely with the actual weight that is shown on the weight ticket issued by Customs scale. If this requirement is not fulfilled, important demurrage and extra costs will arise. ▪ Shippers will be allowed to import either surface or airfreight shipments of HHGDS and PE, this implied for domestic use only. ▪ Shipments must arrive in Uruguay within 180 days from shipper's arrival in the country. ▪ Duty free entry whether goods are used or new. 	
<p>Household goods and removal effects – Returning Uruguayan citizen and/or Foreign citizen with legal residence visa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list in Spanish authenticated by Uruguayan Consulate at origin. ▪ B/L, AWB or CRT. Express release accepted. ▪ Certificate of residence issued by Uruguayan Consulate at origin, stating that shipper has lived at least 1 year abroad. ▪ Once the customer arrives in Uruguay, he should contact his agent who will ask for the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of entrance in Uruguay issued by the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones (address: Misiones 1513, Montevideo) (*). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uruguayan citizens returning home must submit before customs authorities' proof of permanent residence abroad for a minimum period of one year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (*) Customs procedure must be started within 60 days of the date stated in this certificate. ▪ Normal customs clearance, upon receipt of all documents, takes approx. 7 working days. ▪ Important note: Any Uruguayan with more than two years of residence in a foreign country, who decides to definitely return to Uruguay, will be able to introduce free of duties, taxes or connected charges: working tools, machines, or all kind of different instruments related to the art or profession.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Photocopy of Identity Card or Passport (readable). ▪ Sign a letter for Customs requesting authorization to import household goods. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relevant documental proof to be submitted before Uruguayan Consulate at origin. ▪ See requirements in section “Clearance of Uruguayan Citizen cars”.
Household goods and removals effects – Foreign citizen without legal residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list in Spanish. ▪ B/L, AWB or CRT. Express release accepted. ▪ Once the customer arrives in Uruguay, he should contact his agent who will ask for the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customer must initiate the proceedings of residence. ▪ Certificate of entrance in Uruguay issued by Dirección Nacional de Migración (address Misiones 1513, Montevideo) (*). ▪ Photocopy of Identity Card or Passport (readable). ▪ Sign a letter for Customs (asking authorization to import household goods). ▪ Foreigners under temporary residence must submit a guarantee before customs. (**). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All Foreign Citizens without legal residence who wish to enter personal effects MUST have applied for residence in Uruguay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (*) Customs procedure must be started within 60 days of the date stated in this certificate. ▪ (**) That is, deposit a guarantee until definitive residence is obtained. How much? Out of the total capittransit (or valued list), a 50% must be deposited in a bank. In addition, the premium that pays itself to the bank is a 4% on the total capital plus USD 20 (Insurance agent commission). ▪ Guarantee amount will be reimbursed to shipper once obtained legal residence. ▪ Normal customs clearance upon receipt all documents take approx. 7 working days. ▪ Guarantee proceedings: 5 more working days.
Household goods and removals effects – Foreign Diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list in Spanish. ▪ B/L, AWB or CRT. ▪ The Embassy, Consulate or Delegation will request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs relevant authorization to import household goods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Normal customs clearance upon receipt all documents take approx. 12 working days. ▪ Diplomat must be accredited before Uruguayan Government (Ministry for Foreign Affairs) through their Embassies/mission in Uruguay. ▪ Must request for franchise submitting copy of the packing list and B/L or AWB.
Household goods and removals effects – Returning Uruguayan Diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list in Spanish authenticated by Uruguayan Consulate at origin. ▪ B/L, AWB or CRT. ▪ Upon arrival in Uruguay, returning 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Normal customs clearance upon receipt all documents take approx. 12 working days.

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	<p>Diplomats will request the Ministry of Foreign Affairs authorization to import household goods. This request will be forwarded to Ministry of Finances for approval and only once approved the import clearance process may be started.</p>		
Motor vehicles – Foreign citizens		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are not allowed to import cars. 	
Motor vehicles – Uruguayan citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In order to comply with the present regulation, the person must address to the nearest Uruguayan Consulate at origin or at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Montevideo and supply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Complete information of the person with documents that accredit profession, art or trade (University Degree/diploma/ institutional note), and complete information of all family members with whom she/he plans to come back to the country. ▪ Witness of labour activity of the interested part and other members of the family with whom she/he plans to come back to the country. ▪ Domicile in Uruguay, which cannot be modified for the period of 4 years since the entry to Uruguay without previous notification to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ▪ Public or private document as proof of ownership of the vehicle acquired and affected to the use in the country of residence, with a minimum of one year in his/her name up to the moment of the return to the country. ▪ Personal sworn statement notifying the decision to return to the country and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any Uruguayan with more than two years of residence in a foreign country, who decides to definitely return to Uruguay, will be able to introduce for one time only free of any exchange and exempt from all kinds of customs duties, taxes or connected charges, included the prices linked to the import for once time a car of her/his property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economy and Finance Ministry will be competent to authorize the exoneration of customs duties, taxes or convex charges – included the prices linked to the import – according to all or part of the goods detailed and checked by the relevant consular section at the origin country. ▪ The vehicle cannot be sold nor transferred by a period of four years since the return to Uruguay, and must be registered directly by the interested part in the Departmental Government of the denounced domicile, into the 30 days period of the customs clearance. ▪ People under this program will have to annually address personally to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the 4 next years upon return, with supporting documentation from Migration Office in order to credit her/his residence in the country. ▪ Costs of the removal, insurance and storage are not included in the foreseen exonerations in the present program, being in all cases at expenses for account of the returning Uruguayan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> definitely establishing in Uruguay. ▪ Documentation that credit the fact of having had permanent and uninterrupted residence in a foreign country for more than two years period, legalized by the consular respective service. ▪ Declaration of seeking protection expressly to the law #18.250, and Decree #330/2008. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any material or formal breach of the present regulation will generate the loss of the totality of the tributary benefits.
Motor vehicles – Foreign Diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original commercial invoice under shipper's name. ▪ Written evidence of freight & insurance issued by I.M.B. S.A. ▪ Original B/L, AWB or CRT. ▪ Photocopy of passport and Diplomatic Identity Card issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs. ▪ The Embassy, Consulate or Delegation will request to our Ministry of Foreign Affairs the authorization for import of the motor vehicle. ▪ Ownership's property document of motor vehicle or circulation document addressed to shipper's name. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since there are some restrictions for the vehicles' age and its value, it is highly recommended for the shipper to get in touch with his Embassy/Organization to check whether he will be allowed to bring car into Uruguay. ▪ Normal customs clearance upon receipt all documents, take approx. 20-25 working days.
Motor vehicles – Uruguayan Diplomats Returning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No longer authorized to import vehicles. 	
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicle)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bicycles can be imported duty free if part of household goods removal. Quantity cannot exceed the number of family members. All other vehicles are subject to payment of duties, if allowed to be imported. Please check with your destination agent in each case. 	

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Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Packing list. ▪ Visaed marriage certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry provided they are part of the household removal. 	
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Detailed valued list of items to be imported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All items in the shipments will be subject to import duties. Please check with your local agent in each case. 	
New furniture and household goods		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if imported as part of a household goods removal. ▪ New household goods subject to duties and value added tax. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs authorities will hold these items until payment of duties.
Works of art & Antiques		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if these articles are part of a bona fide household removal. ▪ In case quantities are considered unusual by customs officer to the status or family group of applicant, these items may be subject to payment of duties. 	
Precious metal objects (jewellery, coins)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be imported if part of household removal and if the quantities are reasonable. 	
Household appliances		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free entry if these articles are part of household removal. 	
Electrical appliances		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as for Household appliances. ▪ Only 1 article per kind can be brought in household removal, ▪ Except TV sets, videos and PC, which can exceed such quantity according to the number of family members. 	
Carpets		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be imported if part of household removals. 	

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Presents & Souvenirs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be imported if part of household removal and if the quantities are reasonable. 	
Wine, Alcohol		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties. ▪ Returning Uruguayan diplomats are allowed to import up to 12 boxes of 12 bottles of 1 litre each as “rest of pantry”. 	
Machines, appliances, spare parts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only Uruguayan professionals are allowed to bring in machines together with their removal goods provided they have been abroad for at least 1 years and they can prove their professional condition through documentation issued by the Uruguayan Consulate at origin. ▪ Machines must be for the specific use of the owner's profession. 	
Tins and food		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can be imported if part of household removal and if the quantities are reasonable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is recommended to check with the destination agent before shipping (quantity/type of food).
Prohibited Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only sport guns are allowed to be imported requiring a certificate from Ministry of Defence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms (unless considered sport guns), ammunitions. ▪ Medicines, narcotics and drugs. ▪ Live plants. ▪ Pornographic material, subversive material. ▪ Used vehicles of all types including motorcycles. ▪ Any other items that should not be considered part of a household goods removals (like new electrical appliances, industrial tools, machinery etc.). 	

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Firearms (sport guns)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All firearms must be declared in the packing list, including all specifications of each weapon. Authorities will require submitting documentation in proof of ownership. ▪ Foreign citizen should get legal residence and identity card to get weapons permission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the moment of loading the container, weapons must be placed at the door of container to facilitate the access of customs officer. ▪ Customs officer will pick up all weapons at shipment arrival and take them (with safekeeping) to the Service of Material & Armament, where they will be kept until the shipper regularizes all documents in Uruguay and obtained weapons permission. Once obtained the permission, the arms could be retired. ▪ The holder must personally manage such procedure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In all cases, weapons will be held by Customs and submitted to the relevant Army authorities. ▪ Weapons will be only returned to the owner once all relevant documentation be obtained through relevant Ministry of Defence/Army authorities. ▪ Weapons incoming to Uruguay are kept under custody by the "Servicio de Material y Armamento del Ejercito" (Armed Forces), located at Instrucciones street (phone number 354 0326).
Cats and Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of health issued by competent authorities at origin. ▪ 2 photographs of the pet. ▪ Certificate of antihydrofolic inoculation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least 30 days old but less than one year old. ▪ The certificate itself must be less than 10 working days old when the animal arrives to the country. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health and vaccination certificate legalised by Uruguayan Consulate.
Other animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More information on the animals need to be supplied since some species are prohibited. 	
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Uruguay Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15). ▪ Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods. ▪ All wood containers (lift vans) that come 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The more relevant points are the followings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 done. ▪ The Treatment to the packing procedures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) by heat treatment at 56° in the centre of the wood during 30 minutes; or, b)

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		<p>into Uruguay must be FUMIGATED against plagues and with the control made properly identified.</p>	<p>with methyl Bromide (BR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does not apply to: Particle Plywood, boards, pieces smaller than 6mm thickness. ▪ The woods carried by the trucks (propping, tops, etc.) must be treated (please inform your carriers). ▪ Seals must be in 2 sides of the pallet of such form that always are visible. ▪ Containers of Imports “House to House” are going to be verified in the deposit of the client. ▪ The MGAP, in cases of reiteration of situations of not fulfilling the norm, could reject the entire shipment, not only the packing. ▪ Signatory countries are Argentine, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.



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