



## Customs Guide **COLOMBIA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal Goods - Foreign and Colombian Citizens (non diplomats)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original AWB or two original B/Ls.</li> <li>▪ A typewritten inventory in Spanish without values, with brands, serials, models and references of electronic items.</li> <li>▪ Notarized photocopy of passport with visa valid at least for one year for each family member.</li> <li>▪ Residence certificate: Colombian returning citizens must prove that they lived abroad for a minimum of two years.</li> <li>▪ “Registro unico de Retornados” for Colombian returning citizens that lived abroad for a minimum three years (optional if the customer wants to apply the duties / taxes exception).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All shipments pay customs duties and taxes.</li> <li>▪ If the customer does not have the “registro de retornados”, he must pay duties and taxes of 15% on the CIF value. The customer must apply directly online.</li> <li>▪ The Customs Inspector decides the value of each item of the household goods.</li> <li>▪ Partial customs clearance is not permitted and it must be done at airport or port of arrival.</li> <li>▪ Time limit for arrival of household goods is 30 calendar days before or 120 calendar days after arrival of owner.</li> <li>▪ Only one shipment of household goods can be imported per family each five (5) years. Art. 309 Dec. 390 /2016.</li> <li>▪ Only one bedroom per family member.</li> <li>▪ One unit of each electrical domestic appliance is allowed except for TV's.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The shipper can bring no more than 3 TV's.</li> <li>▪ It is very important &amp; MANDATORY that the inventory list indicates brand, model, reference and serial number of each electrical appliance.</li> <li>▪ The packing list MUST be typewritten.</li> <li>▪ Please check the list of items allowed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Shipper must be in Colombia in the moment of customs clearance, because original passport is required. There is no exemption.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People less than 18 years old are not allowed to import household goods.</li> <li>▪ Once the physical customs inspections are done, the customs officer will calculate the value of the goods on which duties and taxes are charged.</li> <li>▪ The customs officer will immediately apply the customs penal code (confiscation of goods) in the following cases:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excess of the allowance authorized (more than one electric appliances).</li> <li>▪ Destined for different purposes to those for which goods were imported.</li> <li>▪ Arrival outside the established period of time 120 days after or 30 days before.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Never send a vehicle or a motorcycle along with household goods before consulting the agent in Colombia.</li> <li>▪ No commercial quantities are allowed.</li> <li>▪ If citizens did not live two years abroad, they should make “re-importation” attaching export household documents only if they exported when they left Colombia. “Re-importation” process: the items to import must be the same items exported from Colombia, the weight, volume and packages number must match.</li> <li>▪ If the shipment is composed of two or more containers these must be sent under the same OBL.</li> </ul>

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<b>Unaccompanied Baggage of Foreign and Colombian Citizens (non diplomats)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original AWB or two original B/Ls.</li> <li>▪ A typewritten inventory in Spanish without values, with brands, serials, models and references of electronic items.</li> <li>▪ Notarized photocopy of passport with visa valid at least for one year for each family member.</li> <li>▪ Foreign and Colombian citizens must prove that they were out of Colombia for a minimum of five (5) days.</li> <li>▪ Customs form called "DECLARACION DE EQUIPAJES NO ACOMPAÑADOS / 530 FORM". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shipper must complete this form upon his arrival at the airport and have it stamped by the customs authorities at that moment, not the next day.</li> <li>▪ This form must be completed and sent to clearance agent together with original passport and other documents.</li> <li>▪ If this document is not completed the clearance can be delayed or denied.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The customer must pay duties and taxes of 15% on the CIF value.</li> <li>▪ The customs Inspector decides the value of each item of the household goods.</li> <li>▪ Partial customs clearance is not permitted and it must be done at airport or port of arrival.</li> <li>▪ Time limit for arrival of an unaccompanied baggage is 30 calendar days before or 90 calendar days after arrival of owner.</li> <li>▪ Shipper must be in Colombia at the moment of customs clearance, because original passport is required.</li> <li>▪ Firearms, collection weapons, import prohibited unless an approved authorization from Colombian Ministry of Defense is given BEFORE shipping.</li> <li>▪ Liquor and foodstuffs are prohibited to import into the shipment. Customs does not consider them as part of a shipment.</li> <li>▪ Allowed: personal effects like clothes, books, paintings, some electric appliances, etc. but cannot include furniture's, kitchen items, mattresses or rugs.</li> <li>▪ The cost of the shipment cannot exceed the amount of US\$ 1.500.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ People less than 18 years old are not allowed to import household goods. Which depends on special student permission that importer has. (Please consult your agent BEFORE SHIPPING).</li> <li>▪ Once the physical customs inspections are done, the customs officer will calculate the value of the goods on which duties and taxes are charged.</li> <li>▪ The customs officer will immediately apply the customs penal code (confiscation of goods) in the following cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excess of the allowance authorized in electronic items (Please consult your agent BEFORE SHIPPING).</li> <li>▪ Destined for different purposes to those for which goods were imported.</li> <li>▪ Arrival outside the established period of time 90 days after or 30 days before.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ No commercial quantities are allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>Removal Goods and unaccompanied baggage's of Foreign and Colombian Citizens - DIPLOMATS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original AWB or two original B/Ls.</li> <li>▪ A typewritten inventory in Spanish without values, with brands, serials, models and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ These shipments do not pay customs duties and taxes.</li> <li>▪ Customs clearance without physical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This category is applicable to Consular personnel, Persons protected by special regulations due to the contracts established</li> </ul>

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	<p>references of electronic items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Photocopy of diplomatic passport with seal of the Embassy valid.</li> <li>▪ Foreign and Colombian diplomats need a Diplomatic Permit.</li> <li>▪ Colombian Returning Diplomats have to obtain a permit issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul>	<p>inspection, and must be done at customs zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Time limit for arrival of these shipments depends on each case. So, please contact your agent at destination.</li> <li>▪ Firearms, collection weapons, import prohibited unless an approved authorization from Colombian Ministry of Defense is given BEFORE shipping.</li> <li>▪ Liquor and foodstuffs are prohibited to import into the shipment. Customs does not consider them as part of a shipment.</li> <li>▪ It is allowed to include into this shipment personal effects like clothes, books, paintings, some electric appliances, etc., but cannot include furniture's, kitchen items, mattresses or rugs.</li> </ul>	<p>between the Colombian Government and Foreign Countries or Entities. All members of technical missions and International Organizations (Please contact your destination agent).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For electronic/electrical devices, include serial number, references, brands, models.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor vehicles, motorcycles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original invoice detailed and preferably in US dollar.</li> <li>▪ A list of contents with all characteristics and specifications of the vehicle or motorcycle.</li> <li>▪ Original of AWB or two Original B/Ls.</li> <li>▪ For no diplomatic shipments of used vehicles or motorcycles, a certificate called "PRUEBA DINAMICA" (DYNAMICS TEXT) is required. For this, a test report is required as well, with translation in Spanish, Coolant certification system, specifying that it does not deplete the ozone layer (with translation in Spanish).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs duties and taxes for new cars are approx. 70% on the CIF value except for foreign diplomats.</li> <li>▪ Colombian returning diplomats do not pay customs duties, but pay a special tax called "IVA", which can be 16% - 54% of the CIF value, depending on the model of the car, and consumption tax can be 8% or 16% depending on the value of the car.</li> <li>▪ If an importer wants to bring the car along with household goods shipment, he needs to consult the agent in Colombia before shipping.</li> <li>▪ Time limit for arrival of cars and motorcycles into Colombia for foreign and Colombian citizens, not diplomats and diplomats, is upon approval of the import license by Colombian customs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only foreign and returning diplomats are allowed to import used cars and motorcycles.</li> <li>▪ Never send a vehicle or motorcycle without consulting the agent in Colombia.</li> </ul>

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<b>Pets (dogs and cats)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original of Veterinary Health Certificate which must be issued maximum ten (10) days before the arrival of the shipment.</li> <li>▪ Vaccination certificate, according to the age and species.</li> <li>▪ Original of AWB, if the animal comes as an unaccompanied baggage.</li> <li>▪ Invoice for non-commercial purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If the pet comes as an accompanied baggage, the owner must proceed with customs import formalities upon his arrival at the airport.</li> <li>▪ If the pet comes as an unaccompanied baggage, the AWB must read: "ALIVE ANIMAL" (ANIMAL VIVO) "DESCARGUE DIRECTO". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An import license is then required to be issued by an agent in Colombia.</li> <li>▪ The customs clearance is possible only within the next business day.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Special permit to be paid, called "PERMISO ZOOSANITARIO" costing 30 – 35 US\$ approx. to be paid in Colombian Pesos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthy certificate must certify that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the animal is free of infectious and parasitic diseases,</li> <li>▪ the animal has no presence of fresh wounds or healing process,</li> <li>▪ the animal has a current vaccination plan,</li> <li>▪ the animal received an internal/external parasitic treatment</li> <li>▪ pet identification, species, breed, sex, age, coat colour and deworming date.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For any other kind of pets, please contact your agent at destination.</li> </ul>
<b>Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Colombian 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.</li> <li>▪ Since September 16, 2005, shipments into or out of Colombia in wooden packaging, have to have a Seal, which certifies that the shipment has received the required treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HT = Heated Treatment [a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes] or</li> <li>▪ Methyl Bromide Treatment (the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less.</li> <li>▪ Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof.</li> <li>▪ Plywood sheets &amp; agglomerated sawdust sheet.</li> <li>▪ Oriented wooden fibre sheets.</li> <li>▪ Sawdust &amp; Wooden fibre.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ If you have questions, please contact your local agent in Colombia or consult the ISPM publication 15 at: <a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?stat us=ND0zNT1yNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?stat us=ND0zNT1yNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M</a></li> </ul>

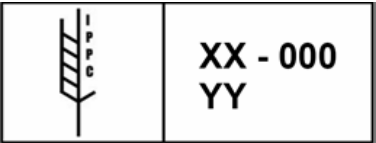
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- The wood packing material must be marked in a visible location on each article, on at least two opposite sides of the article with a legible and permanent mark in black ink. Labels and adhesives are not allowed. The mark should be as follows:





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