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**Update 16 July 2010:**

Due to recent drug's finding that have taken place in Buenos Aires port involving household goods moves, Argentine Customs has informed to all operating moving companies that intensive inspections and scanning with X rays will be performed to all shipments therefore customs clearance time will be extended to approx. two weeks and that will bring along the inevitable following associated charges:

- LCL's up to 10 cbm: Minimum of USD 1,200.00
- FCL 20' containers: Minimum of USD 2,000.00
- FCL 40' container: Minimum of USD 2,500.00

**Update for Sea Shipments 31 May 2010**

**(Resolución General de la Administración Federal de Ingresos Públicos Nro. 2744/09)**

**All bills of lading must contain:**

- Destination Agent's CUIT number (unique tax identification code).
- Customer's name as in passport followed by CUIT, CUIL or CDI. If the individual is not a resident, and does not have tax identification code, Passport number must be informed.
- If the party to be notified is different from the consignee, the CUIT number of that party must also be provided.

**Consignment then should be as follows:**

- Complete name of Consignee (as in passport) followed by customer's CUIT, CUIL, CDI or Passport Number c/o
- DESTINATION AGENT followed by their CUIT
- Address and telephone

If this information is not on the bills of lading, the cargo **will not be allowed** to be registered with Customs and will be blocked. This will cause delays and potential fines on the account of the cargo.

*The first 6 digits of the NCM (harmonized code) number are not required for household goods shipments and vehicle imported as unaccompanied baggage.*

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Removal Goods</b>	<p><b>Returning Argentine Citizens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Valid and original passport showing clearly that the shipper has been a resident in another country for a period not less than 12 months, and that such residence has not been interrupted with entries into Argentina for more than 60 days (accumulative) in the last 12 months prior to shipper's re-entry.</li> <li>➢ Two original B/L's or AWB's</li> <li>➢ Certificate of residence issued by Argentine Consulate in the country of origin</li> </ul> <p><b>Foreign citizens with permanent residence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Same Regulations as Argentine Citizens returning except the Consular certificate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Foreign citizens with temporary residence visa:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Valid and original passport with 1 year visa (If possible, it is best to obtain resident visa at origin. Nevertheless, clearance of sea shipments can be performed with 1 year visa or "Residencia Precaria". For air shipment, see note).</li> <li>➢ Two original B/L's or AWB's</li> <li>➢ Temporary Admission Forms (Guarantee Forms)</li> </ul> <p>Foreign citizens with temporary residence visa can import Household goods on a temporary admission basis in accordance</p>	<p><b>GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p>Shipment must arrive in Argentina within six months of shipper's first entry into the country, or no more than three months before. (To enter before, contact us in advance to coordinate with customs.)</p> <p>Although it is not necessary for the shipper to be physically present at customs for clearance formalities, he/she must be in the country to sign and certify some papers and provide us with his original passport. If shipper is an Argentine Citizen returning or Foreign Citizen with Permanent Residence and does not comply with these Customs Regulations, taxes and duties will be applicable at a rate of 50 %, calculated on the FOB value of the shipment.</p> <p>As 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.</p>	<p><b>SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:</b></p> <p>Foreigners With Temporary Resident Visa must pay taxes and duties for the importation of personal effects and household goods (50% on the FOB value) or 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.</p> <p>Goods can be guaranteed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A local bond insurance company through a "Caution policy" (PÓLIZA DE CAUCIÓN);</li> <li>b) 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).</li> </ol> <p>In the case that the client can not comply with these requirements, the move can be imported by paying the taxes and duties as mentioned above.</p>

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	<p>With the present guarantee system. The belongings must be guaranteed (bonded) for the duration of the visa and must be renewed concurrently.</p> <p>Goods can be guaranteed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Paying taxes and duties (50% on Customs value)</li> <li>➤ A insurance company through a "Caution policy" (PÓLIZA DE CAUCIÓN)</li> <li>➤ 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)</li> </ul> <p>In the case that the client can not comply with these requirements, the move can be imported by paying the taxes and duties as mentioned above.</p> <p>If at the guarantee expiration date the visa has not been renewed the goods must be re-exported to the country of origin.</p> <p>If a permanent residence visa has been obtained, the goods must be nationalized.</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>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. This will allow us to perform the Customs clearance process.</p> <p>Returning Argentina shippers may bring in household goods shipments duty-free provided that they have not spent more than 60 days within Argentina in the year prior to re-entry.</p> <p>All shippers must present their passport with no exceptions, even if they may come from bordering countries.</p> <p>Those unable to produce clear proof of their entries and exits will be required to obtain a certificate from immigrations to enable their goods to be admitted. If shippers do not comply with these requirements, their moves can be imported but they will have to pay duties.</p> <p>If shipper is an Argentine Citizen Returning or Foreign Citizen with Permanent Residence and does not comply with these Customs Regulations, taxes and duties will be applicable at a rate of 50 %, calculated on the FOB value of the shipment.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Note: In the case of air shipments, the move of foreigners holding a Temporary Visa, the move can be imported duty free only if the consignee has a 1 (one) year Visa. The shipper must pay taxes and duties if he holds a 3 or 6 months Temporary visa.</p> <p>Shipment must arrive to Argentina within six months of the shipper's entry into the country or three months before.</p> <p>To enter the shipment prior to the shipper, please contact your destination agent.</p> <p>Although it is not necessary for the shipper to be physically present at Customs for clearance formalities, he must be in the country to sign certain papers and present his original passport.</p> <p>Note: For air shipments, move of foreigners with a temporary working Visa may be imported duty free. If the Visa is for 6 or less months, the shipper must pay taxes and duties.</p> <p>For sea shipments, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, persons holding a tourist visa intending to import personal household effects are required to present proof that an application has been made to Immigrations Authorities (<i>Comprobante del Ministerio del Interior - Direccion Nacional de Migraciones - Mesa de Entrada</i>) requesting a one-year work or any other kind of visa in order to authorize the importation duty free under the guarantee system.</p>
<b>Diplomats' Removals</b>	<p><b>Diplomats / Military Personnel:</b></p> <p>A Diplomatic Franchise must be obtained from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Diplomatic Mission or the Official Foreign Organization where the shipper is officially employed.</p>	<p>No impediments provided that the effects belong to the removed diplomat.</p>	

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<b>Prohibited Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Illegal drugs</li> <li>➤ Child pornography</li> <li>➤ Perishable goods</li> <li>➤ Items which contain an internal-combustion engine (*)</li> <li>➤ Plants</li> </ul>		(*)These items are prohibited to be nationalized only (Argentine citizens returning or foreigners with permanent Visa). They may be imported on a temporary basis for foreigners with temporary Visa.
<b>Wedding Trousseaux</b>		No impediments exists whatsoever.	
<b>Inheritance</b>		Subject to payment of customs duties.	Importation not recommended.
<b>New Furniture and Household Goods</b>	➤ Same as above.	No customs duty provided imported as part of HHG removal.	
<b>Electrical Appliances</b>	➤ Same as above	Same as above.	
<b>Machines, Spare Parts</b>		Their importation is prohibited when they are included with unaccompanied luggage of passengers intending to live in the country.	Refraining from their importation is recommended.
<b>Presents, Souvenirs</b>	➤ Same as above	No customs duty provided imported as part of HHG removal.	
<b>Works of Art, Antiques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ocean B/L or AWB</li> <li>➤ Packing list</li> <li>➤ Passenger's passport</li> </ul>	The importation of original paintings or art work is not restricted. Nevertheless, Argentine Customs oblige Movers to attach an exhaustive and detailed declaration in a special form.	
<b>Precious Metal Object (Jewellery, Coins)</b>	➤ Packing list	Importation is authorized provided they are private collections and in reasonable quantities that do not imply commercial purposes.	Importation not recommended.
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Diplomats</b> may import used and/or new cars with a Diplomatic Franchise issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>➤ <b>Returning Argentine Citizens and persons with permanent resident status</b> may import used cars only (one for each adult member of the family and just if they comply with the regulation by being abroad for more than 1 year and not accumulate more than 60 days within Argentina in the year prior the re-entry).</li> <li>➤ <b>Persons with permanent resident status</b> may import used vehicles only, under the same rules that apply to Argentine citizens returning.</li> <li>➤ <b>Persons with temporary Visa</b> may import used and/or new cars under <u>temporary admission</u> covering the VISA period.</li> </ul> <p>It may be renewed as many times as the customer renews the Visa. When the Customer leaves the country and before the visa expires, the car must be exported. It cannot be nationalised. <u>Vehicle must keep the original plates.</u></p>	<p>Duties and taxes for Argentine or permanent residents only.</p> <p><b>Duties/taxes:</b>            Approximately 80% of car CIF value, if the car is diesel the taxes are 100 % of CIF value.</p> <p>Allowance is made for (2) two cars per family (under different names).</p> <p>The customer may import just 1 car into Argentina in his/her life.</p> <p>No duties on temporary imports.</p> <p>Argentine citizens returning 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.</p>	<p>Car must enter Argentina within (6) six months after shipper/owner arrival.</p> <p><b>General Requirements:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Vehicle must enter Argentina within (6) six months after shipper/owner arrival.</li> <li>2) Vehicle and its documentation must be under shipper's name.</li> <li>3) 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.</li> </ol> <p>Car must be under shipper's name.</p> <p>Importation of new cars is subject to Ministry of Commerce regulations and is limited to certain types of vehicles.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>            All required documents that are not issued in Spanish must be translated by an official Translator and certified by the Argentine College of Translators.</p> <p>Consular certificates must be certified by the Ministry of Foreign affairs in Argentina.</p>

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	Required documents: ➤ Owner's original passport ➤ 2 Original B/L's ➤ Complete car documentation including the property title under the name of the shipper ➤ Original purchase invoice with Visa stamped by Argentine Consulate ➤ Consulate of Residence by Argentine Consulate at origin country (not requested for foreigners)  <b>Note:</b> All documents that are not issued in Spanish must be translated by an official Translator and certified by the Argentine College of Translators.		
<b>Other vehicles</b> (Motorcycles, Jetski)	➤ Same as for motor vehicles.	Same regulations as for motor vehicles.  Duties and taxes for Argentine or permanent residents only.  Approximately 65% of car CIF value.	
<b>Carpets</b>	➤ Packing List	No Customs duty provided imported as part of HHGs removal.	
<b>Tins and Foods</b>	➤ Packing List	Tins and food are in general liable to Customs duty if their quantities imply they are not kitchen leftovers.	Their shipment is not recommended.
<b>Cats and Dogs</b>	➤ Health certificate (no more than 10 days can pass from the date of issue until arrival) stamped by the origin Argentine Consulate. ➤ Valid anti-rabies vaccination certificate for the animal	Allowed and not subject to duties.	The health certificate has to accompany the animal when arriving to Argentina.  Note: Dogs and cats coming from Asia (except Japan) and Africa must obtain a special import permit before the arrival. Please check with us before Shipping.
<b>Other Animals</b>		Importation prohibited.	Importation should not be attempted.
<b>Firearms, Ammunitions, Dangerous Objects</b>	➤ Packing List	Prohibited except for arms and ammunition used for sports hunting in reasonable quantities. However, their inspection is the object of special verification by the military authorities.	Please note that the firearms must be loaded near the door of the container to be verified at Customs here in Argentina.  The nationalization and permanent importation of firearms will just be allowed for Argentine Citizens returning of foreigners holding a Permanent Residence Visa in Argentina. Foreigners holding a Temporary Visa can import firearms just on temporary basis for 3 months (please check with us before shipping the cargo).  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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			<p>The Customer must get a Certificate from the Argentine Consulate at origin with the details of the firearms. This document is mandatory and the customer won't be able to start the procedure without it.</p> <p>Customs will verify firearms and provide a certificate for the owner to help him get an importation authorization from the "RENAR" (fire arms governmental office). Firearms will be kept under Custom's custody until the owner completes all procedures at "RENAR". They must be detailed at the packing list and loaded at the door of container or be accessible for the inspection.</p> <p>Customs authorities will hold the arms until the Customer gets the import permit from the RENAR.</p>						
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	➤ Packing List	<p>Up to 30 liters of wine plus up to 30 liters of any other alcoholic beverages can be imported duty free.</p> <p>Sealed bottles are subject to duty payment.</p>	<p>It is recommended not to import alcohol in sealed bottles along with the shipment of used household and/or personal effects.</p>						
<b>Wine</b>		Subject to Custom duties and taxes.							
<b>Medicines, Narcotics, Drugs</b>	➤ Packing List	Importation prohibited except for human health medication in reasonable quantities.	Argentina has all kinds of health medication and its importation is not recommended.						
<b>Outboard engines, firearms, ammunition, obscene magazines, liquor and tobacco</b>		Importation prohibited.							
<b>Other restricted items:</b> Items that, according to the quantity, quality or type, can be considered to have commercial purposes.									
<p><b>Fumigation of Imported and Exported wooden crates</b></p>	<p>Argentinean Government adopted <b>ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15)</b> Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardize the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.</p> <p>Argentina has officially adopted ISMP standards regarding treatment of wood packing materials since March 1st, 2006. Please note that the stamp in the wood won't be sufficient. You will have to send the proper certificate. Please send this certificate together with the shipment documentation.</p>	<p>Effective March 2006, any shipments into Argentina in wooden packaging (wooden boxes, Liftvans, cases, crates, pallets, trunks, barrels, drawers, wooden cuts), which were not treated as stipulated by IPPC with Methyl Bromide MB (the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours); or heated Treatment (HT at a temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes) will not be allowed in Argentina and will be returned to the origin country under the shipper/origin Agent's expenses.</p> <p>In case insects or pests are found within the wood, Authorities will proceed to the destruction or incineration of the shipment.</p> <p>The inspection to conform to these Norms will be completed at the port entry.</p> <p>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:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <table style="border: none; margin-left: 10px;"> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding-right: 5px;">MX-XXX</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding-right: 5px;">HT or MB</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding-right: 5px;">(AAA)</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <p>MX-XXX = Country code + Accreditation N°            HT or MB = Heated Treatment or Bromide Methyl Treatment            AAA = Wood Provider Initials / ID. code.</p>	MX-XXX		HT or MB		(AAA)		<p>This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of:</p> <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 5triwall) sheets</li> <li>➤ Agglomerated sawdust sheet</li> <li>➤ Oriented wooden fibre sheets</li> <li>➤ Sawdust</li> <li>➤ Wooden fibre</li> </ul> <p>If you have questions, please contact agents or consult the ISPM publication 15 at:</p> <p><a href="https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?status=ND0zN1lyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZWmMzM9KIYzNz1rb3M~">https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?status=ND0zN1lyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZWmMzM9KIYzNz1rb3M~</a></p>
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