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Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Household Goods (Used)	Returning Citizens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inventory list in Spanish ➤ AWB or B/L or surface freight bills ➤ Insurance Policy. 	Foreigners and Returning Citizens: Shipments are exempt from Customs tributes up to an amount of US\$ 35.000,00 on the FOB value shown on an invoice or with the value declared on the packing list. The Customs attribute US\$ 2.80 by kilo on the net weight to calculate taxes exemption	For all shipments into Bolivia via the port of Arica, the Bill of Lading must read: "Shipment in transit Arica, final destination Bolivia". The cost of the ocean freight needs to be declared on the OBL or at least on one original of the set. The Destination Agent must have all the original documents before the arrival of the shipment at the port. Time of the Dispatch: 5 or 6 days. Foreigners and Returning Citizens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In order to qualify as a Bolivian citizen returning to the country, the person needs to show evidence that s/he has remained outside of the country for at least two years and did not enter Bolivia for more than 30 days. ➤ To be granted the Customs taxes relief during the shipment clearance, the arrival of the household goods and personal effects, need to arrive one month before and up to four months after the arrival of the owner. ➤ Customs proceeding for the verification of the shipment content requires the presence of the owner or the legal proxy. ➤ Taxes relief is granted one time per family. ➤ The vehicles are not considered as personal effects.
Returning Citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Inventory list (no visa required) ➤ Original passport ➤ Original of the Bill of Lading or Airway Bill 	Taxes and duties are between 32% of the CIF value approximately. Citizens returning after two consecutive years demonstrated through their passport are exempt from taxes, but not that of the corresponding THC storage and certifications.	Time of the Dispatch: 5 or 6 days.
Diplomatic Shipments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as the above 	Duties and taxes free apart from THC and the storage and corresponding certifications	Time of the Dispatch: 2 or 3 days provided that the required documentation is available (tax exemption form, accreditation letter from the Bolivian Chancellor).
Inheritances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as household goods above. 		
New Furniture and Household Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commercial Invoice B.L or AWB ➤ Insurance Policy ➤ Authorized verifying Companies must intervene if value exceeds USD 1.000.- 	Subject to payment of duties of 42% over CIF Value in case of private or personal shipments. No duties for Diplomatic Shipments.	
Works of Art, Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commercial invoice from purveyor ➤ List with titles of works of Art ➤ Export permit from country of origin. ➤ B/L or AWB ➤ Insurance Policy 	Subject to payment of duties of approx. 32% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. If included in Household Goods shipment, list of titles only should be declared. DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS	

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Electrical appliances (TV sets, sewing machines, video sets, personal computers and printers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as New Furniture and Household Goods above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ➤ Electrical appliances pay 42% of duties over CIF Value. Personal computers and printers pay 32% duties over CIF Value. ➤ The above is only applicable to private and personal shipments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤
Presents, Souvenirs, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If value is under USD 300 no documents are required. Otherwise, the documentation required is the same as New Furniture and Household Goods above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subject to the payment of Approx. 32% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS 	
Motor Vehicles and other vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Original invoice. ➤ Original of the Bill of Lading or Airways Bill. ➤ Valid passport. ➤ Certificate of good operation ➤ Technical report (technical pollution inspection and good performance) ➤ Card of Property and Certificate of origin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subject to payment of 52% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. 	In case there is no Commercial invoice exists for a used car, the authorized Verifying Companies in Bolivia must intervene. For such a purpose, a complete detail of the general and technical characteristics should be sent to Bolivia.
Machinery, Appliances, Spare Parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as motor vehicles and other vehicles above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. ➤ Subject to the payment of duties of approx. 32% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. If they are part of a Household Goods shipment no documentation is required. They should only be listed on respective Packing List. 	Industrial Machinery and equipment have a special treatment.
Alcoholic Beverages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commercial invoice ➤ B/L or AWB or Surface Freight Bills ➤ Certificate of Origin ➤ Verifying Companies contracted by the Bolivian Government must intervene in all imports where the FOB value is over USD1,000.00. In those cases, the importer must present to one of the authorized Verifying Companies in Bolivia a Pro-forma and/or definite Commercial invoice in order to request the pertinent verification of shipment. This requisite is not applicable to Household Goods, Household appliances, electrical appliances etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Private or Personal Shipments are subject to payment of approximately 42% over CIF Value. ➤ For all Diplomatic shipments duties are free, except for imports of ARMS, AMMUNITION, NARCOTICS, DRUGS ETC. WHICH REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT OF GOVERNMENT and PRIOR TO IMPORT. ➤ In addition, Diplomatic Shipments do not require the intervention of the authorized verifying companies. 	<p>The authorized Verifying Companies are :</p> <p>Specialist Service International "SSI" Bureau Veritas'</p> <p>In case the authorized Companies do not intervene, customs impose a fine of between USD 200 to USD 1.000 not to mention the considerable delay that the import would suffer.</p>
Food in General (Tinned food and others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as Alcohol above, plus a Phytosanitary certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Private or personal shipments are subject to 42% duties over CIF Value. ➤ Diplomatic Shipments are the same as Alcohol above. 	
Medicines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Same as alcohol above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subject to payment of 32% over CIF Value for private or personal shipments ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS 	

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Precious Metal Objects (Jewellery, Coins)	➤ Same as alcohol above	Subject to payment of 32% over CIF Value in case of private and personal shipments. Customs duties are free for Diplomatic Missions if they are for personal use.	➤
Carpets	➤ Same as alcohol above	➤ Subject to payment of 42% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS	
Plants	➤ Same as Alcohol above plus a certificate of sanitation.	➤ Subject to payment of 32% duties over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS	
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health certificate issued by a certified veterinarian in the city of origin. ➤ Vaccines certificate issue by the city of origin. ➤ Zoo sanitary certificate (emitted by the origin organization) ➤ Zoo sanitary certificate to be issued in Bolivia. ➤ Certificate of value of the pet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Subject to payment of 30 % duties over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. In addition, charges are to be paid for the time pets at kept at the campus of Bolivian customs. ➤ DUTY-FREE FOR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS 	Time of the Dispatch: 1 day
Prohibited Articles			Narcotics, drugs, explosives, pornographic material, firearms, ammunitions, precursors and refrigerators with gas R-12.
Wood Articles			By new dispositions of the SENASAG (organization for the control of plagues), the shipping that contain wood, like finished furniture, adornments, packing material, etc., must be fumigated in destination and to count on their respective Phytosanitary certificate of this organization.
Manufactured Objects that Contaminate the Atmosphere			For the dispositions of IBNORCA (Institute of Quality Norms of Bolivia, entity for the pollution control), shipments that have manufactured objects that contaminate the atmosphere, like refrigerators, motors, oxygen tanks, vehicles, etc. must be made the inspection in destination, in order to obtain the certification of gases granted and not noxious to the atmosphere.

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<p><i>Fumigation of Imported and Exported Wooden crates</i></p>		<p>The Bolivian Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) 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>Shipments into or out of the country in wooden packaging, need to have a Seal, certifying that the shipment has received the required treatment (HT = Heated Treatment [a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes] or fumigation with Methyl Bromide (MT). The minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours.</p> <p>The treatments established in the present regulation have the intent to reduce the introduction and/or the dissemination of quarantine plagues associated to the wood packing.</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.</p> <p>The approved format of the mark should be as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="762 1384 999 1496" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> <p>XX - 000 YY</p> </div> </div> <p>Where XX is the country code, 000 the producer number, YY the treatment type, and AAA the inspection agency logo.</p> <p>If a shipment arrives without this seal, it will be returned to the origin country at the shipper's/origin Agent's expenses.</p>	<p>This regulation DOES NOT apply to wood packing materials manufactured of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less ➤ Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof ➤ Plywood sheets & agglomerated Sawdust sheet ➤ Oriented wooden fibre sheets ➤ Sawdust & Wooden fibre