

**Brazil** *Customs Information*

*General Information*

**Note: ALL REGULATIONS MAY VARY ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMER'S NATIONALITY/ OR IMMIGRATION STATUS**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING WOODEN CONTAINERS:**

In an attempt to protect Brazilian crops/fauna/flora from what is known in the USA as the Chinese Bug (Anoplophora Glabripennis) the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture has imposed severe restrictions that are effective immediately on the entry of pallets/wooden airvans/liftvans/crates etc.

- It is now mandatory to mention each and every single package type separately (including the packaging material modifier such as plastic, wood, cardboard, etc.) and the respective weight for each package. Non-compliance with this regulation will result in the requirement of letters of correction which may be fined by Brazilian Customs up to \$2900.00 per package amendment.
- Wooden units must have a fumigation certificate issued by the applicable official government agency in the origin country
- Wood must be certified it has been treated with heat, fumigation or other type of previously agreed upon chemical product
- Fumigation should be completed not more than 15 days prior to shipment
- If wooden crates/units/pieces arrive in Brazil without the certificate the goods will either be incinerated at the importers expense or be treated if possible in Brazil

Recommendation is to completely refrain from using wood for packing purposes in all shipments to Brazil, advise to:

- Loosepack all items in metal containers for surface shipments
- Use tri-wall air containers for air shipments
- Use mirror cartons rather than crates for paintings, glass or mirrors
- In the event it becomes necessary to ship liftvans or crate fragile items the certificate must accompany the cargo

*Documents Required*

- ✓ Passport (original), Visa stamped
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Brazil I.D. card
- ✓ Inventory in Portuguese (two originals)
- ✓ Inventory must be itemized in detail; brand names, make, model and serial numbers of all electrical items must be noted
- ✓ Also need to show the estimated value of the item in U.S. dollars
- ✓ Must be legalized by the Brazilian Consulate for temporary visa holders
- ✓ Pets must be listed on the inventory
- ✓ Two separate inventories first showing used items and the second "new" items (items less than six (6) months old)
- ✓ Certificate of Residence issued by the Brazilian Consulate at origin for returning citizens
- ✓ In absence of Certificate of Residence issued by the Brazilian Consulate, copies of phone/electric/utility bills for the last twelve months may be substituted. This is not encouraged.
- ✓ Proof of revenue abroad
- ✓ Proof of residence abroad for over one year
- ✓ Airline ticket
- ✓ Work Contract and Customs Bond are required for Customers holding a temporary visa
- ✓ Goods must be re-exported upon expiration of the contract for holders of a temporary visa
- ✓ "Termo de Responsabilidade" (guarantee)
- ✓ Power of Attorney forms provided by the Destination Agent must be prepared by a Public Notary
- ✓ Letter authorizing Destination Agent to clear shipment

*Customs Regulations*

- Household goods and personal effects may be imported duty and tax free provided they have been OWNED and USED for at least six (6) months and are not for re-sale

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<b>Customs Regulations</b> <i>(continuation)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ONLY two shipments permitted, one air and one sea.</li> <li>➤ Shipments should arrive in Brazil no earlier than three months before or no later than six months after customer's arrival.</li> <li>➤ Shipments 100% inspected.</li> <li>➤ Clearance cannot begin until all documents are received.</li> <li>➤ Shipment must embark from the country of customer's residence.</li> <li>➤ Immigrants must register with the Brazilian Federal Police within 30 days of arrival.</li> <li>➤ <b>**It is strongly advised not to import any items that are new as they will be subject to high duties and fines</b></li> </ul>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Not permitted except for members of the foreign diplomatic corps and recognized international organizations</li> </ul>
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Cats and dogs</b> require a Health and Vaccination Certificate from the point of origin and are subject to veterinarian examination at the port of entry</li> <li>➤ <b>Other animals</b> are subject to consultation with the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture prior to departure from the country of origin and are also subject to inspection</li> </ul>
<b>Dutiable / Restricted Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ New articles sent as unaccompanied baggage will be subject to payment of duties. The duties will be 50% of the value of the goods. Customer will have to present the invoice.</li> <li>✓ Items not corresponding to inventory are subject to very high duties/fines</li> <li>✓ Duplicate items (such as electrical appliances) assessed very high duty</li> <li>✓ Wedding trousseaux, inheritance items, new furniture, tins of food and alcohol are all subject to high customs duties</li> <li>✓ Presents, souvenirs, computers and carpets are all duty-free if part of the household goods shipment</li> <li>✓ Computers need special entry permit from SEI (list model, serial number and accessories)</li> <li>✓ Alcohol and tobacco products</li> <li>✓ Appliances and bicycles</li> <li>✓ Photo, audio and video equipment</li> </ul>
<b>Prohibited Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Arms, ammunition and dangerous objects (firearms and weapons require special license)</li> <li>➤ Narcotics, medicines and drugs</li> <li>➤ Plants</li> </ul>