

Chile	Customs Regulations
General Rule	<p>As a general rule, household goods which do not enjoy duty and tax exemptions must pay 9% duty over CIF value for used goods and a 6% over CIF for new goods.</p> <p>In addition, HHG imports are subject to a VAT of 19% over CIF plus duties. Therefore, estimated taxes for used household goods are about 29.7 % over CIF value and for new items 26%.</p> <p>The customs valuation of HHG considers depreciation for use, and should be comparable to the value of similar articles in the country of origin.</p> <p>There are important exemptions freeing many individuals and their families moving to Chile from payment of duties and taxes, as detailed below.</p>
Returning Chileans	<p>Household Goods and Personal Effects</p> <p>The exemption allowance to import without payment of duty and tax depends on the length of stay abroad:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Between six months and one year: The allowance is up to US \$500 FOB. The stay abroad must be without interruptions. Between one and five years: Exemption up to US \$3,000 FOB. The stay abroad can have interruptions of up to one month per year. Over five years: The allowance is US \$ 5,000 FOB, as long as the interruptions of the stay abroad do not exceed two months per year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation of HHG under these exemptions benefit from a simplified customs procedure, subject to a charge of 1% on CIF value. ▪ The franchise conditions are checked rigorously by Customs through a travel certificate emitted by the International Police in Chile, which details the inbounds and outbounds to the country. <p>Reimportation of HHG previously exported from Chile is exempt from duties and taxes. The corresponding exportation must be backed by the required documentation (Bill of Lading, Packing List, and Customs Export Declaration.) A single shipment may contain returning HHG plus goods acquired abroad.</p> <p>Automobiles Chileans returning after staying abroad for one or more years may import a new or used car, paying all duties and taxes.</p>
Chilean Diplomats and Officials	<p>All those depending from the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Defense Ministry, International Organizations to which the Chilean Government has adhered, State Companies, or Autonomous State organizations.</p> <p>The above condition must be qualified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has to provide an "Exemption Form".</p> <p>Household Goods and Personal Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chilean diplomats and international officials are exempt from importation duties and taxes on their household goods. <p>Automobiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chilean diplomats have the option of a monetary compensation if they do not import a vehicle, or instead they can import a new car free of duty and tax.
Foreign Citizens	<p>Household Goods and Personal Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreigners with a temporary residence visa or visa subject to work contract for at least one year may import their HHG and PE up to \$ 5,000 FOB without paying duties or taxes (paying only the simplified procedure of 1% over CIF value). ▪ If the visa is still in process, it is possible to clear under bonded storage in the importer's residence. Definitive importation of goods must be done within 90 days. <p>Automobiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foreigners arriving in Chile can only import new cars, and must pay all corresponding duties and taxes.
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Required Documentation	<p>Documents needed for clearance must be available at least 5 days before arrival. Otherwise there may be extra charges for additional expenses, and port manipulation.</p> <p>Origin Agent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bill of Lading ✓ Packing List ✓ Insurance certificate, showing the amount of premium paid <p>For the importation of automobiles it is required that the Bill of Lading shows separately the weight and freight amount of the HHG and the vehicle, specifying the number of pieces and including a description of the car..</p> <p>Customer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If Chilean, Travel Certificate showing inbound and outbound travel dates. This certificate must be obtained in Chile. ✓ If foreigner, resident visa for at least one year, or visa subject to employment contract. ✓ If diplomatic, either Chilean or foreigner, Liberation Form issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, upon request of the organization to which the importer belongs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Passport photocopy. ✓ Packing List valuation for Customs. ✓ Notarized Power of Attorney authorizing Decapack to customs clear the HHG. <p>Automobiles</p> <p>The following additional documents are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commercial Invoice or Sales Contract for the car ✓ Title Certificate ✓ Sworn declaration of the car characteristics.
Inspections	<p>Customs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most HHG and PE shipments are subject to physical inspection by Customs. Such inspection carries a cost and may delay clearance for up to one day. <p>Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Agriculture Office (SAG) inspects all HHG arriving in Chile (do not bring perishables or food!). ✓ All wood packing and wood items are checked for compliance with the International Norm. ✓ If there is no previous treatment of wood items, the Agriculture Office may order complete fumigation (Wood furniture is not required to have previous fumigation).
Customs Broker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Every shipment valued over \$ 500 and with no access to exemptions must be cleared by a Customs Broker. ▪ Also a Reimportation or a Bonded Warehouse and their respective cancellations must be performed by a Customs Broker. ▪ All vehicle importation, except those exempted from duty and tax also require a Customs Broker. ▪ Selection of a Customs Broker is freely decided by the consignee, and fees are mutually agreed upon. Our agent can assist further, please contact us in any of the above situations.
Other Items	<p>Pets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dogs and cats must arrive with their International Vaccination Certificate and a Pro-forma Invoice. ▪ There is no quarantine, and pets can be retrieved from Customs immediately after arrival. ▪ Our agent must know in advance the date and flight of arrival to assist in clearing. ▪ For other pets please check with us before shipping, as some may require an additional permit from Agriculture (SAG). <p>Firearms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only sports firearms can be imported (strictly for hunting or tiro al blanco). A special permit must be obtained prior to shipping. <p>Motorcycles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation of used motorcycles is strictly forbidden. <p>Prohibitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drugs, meat and foodstuff not packed in cans, used motorcycles, used vehicles for non-diplomatic foreigners. <p>Alcoholic Beverages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Every adult over 18 years old may import free of duty up to 2.5 lts of alcoholic beverages, including wines. Any excess will have to pay duties and taxes, 27 pct or more. <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is only allowed to import non-perishable food, canned or sealed, and in an amount limited for personal use. ▪ We strongly advise not to include food items in any HHG shipment. Even diplomatic shipments are subject to examination by the Agriculture Department.