

Colombia *Customs Information*

Documents Required

- Original Passport for customer and all family members
- Visa (mandatory for consignee) valid for at least one year
- Residence or Work Visa
- **Foreigners** must apply for Work or Residence Permit
- For **returning Colombian citizens**, a Certificate of Residence issued by the Colombian Consulate, certifying that owner has lived abroad for at least two continuous years
- Inventory (in Spanish)
- Inventory must show:
- For ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (vacuum cleaners, microwave ovens, roasters, TVs, VCRs, stereos, small personal computers, etc.) state the MAKE, MODEL, AND SERIAL NUMBER
- If possible, pack all electronic appliances together
- Transmittal documents showing actual weights and/or volume, delivery details, etc.
- Diplomats must have Diplomatic Entry Form, to be requested from Foreign Ministry by Diplomatic Mission

Customs Regulation

- ✓ Only one household goods shipment from one country allowed per family
- ✓ All shipments pay duty, import tax, sales tax (VAT), and warehouse fees which are charged to customer's account
- ✓ Owner must have lived outside of the country for at least two years
- ✓ Owner must not have imported any household goods in the last seven years
- ✓ Customs may ask for Bank Guarantee that goods will not be sold for one year
- ✓ Shipments 100% inspected
- ✓ Household goods must arrive within 30 days before or 120 days after the arrival of the customer.

Motor Vehicles

- As of 1/1/94 no USED automobile may be imported into Colombia
- Import License is required and **MUST** be obtained prior to arrival of auto
- Do not include an auto as part of the household goods shipment
- **Do not ship vehicles until all documents are in order.**
- **Non-compliance will result in seizure/storage of shipment at great additional expense.**

Documents required:

- ✓ Original Commercial Invoice (detailed and in US dollars)
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Copy of Bill of Sale
- ✓ ALL DOCUMENTS (Invoice, etc.) must agree with the Import License

Pets

- Vaccination Certificate
- Import License
- Notarized Health Certificate from Veterinarian
- Quarantine IS NOT required for cats and dogs
- Contact destination agent prior to forwarding

Dutiable / Restricted Items

- ✓ Duties/taxes on C.I.F. value of household goods are assessed.
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products in small quantities are subject to duties and sales tax (Import License may be required).
- ✓ One sporting weapon is permitted per family.
- ✓ Only one of each major electrical appliance is allowed, except air conditioners which are limited to three.
- ✓ Bedroom furniture must correspond to the number of persons in the family.

Prohibited Items

- Weapons, ammunition and explosives
- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic material
- Uniforms or equipment relating to the Police or Armed Forces