

Costa Rica

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rated original Bill of Lading or A.W.B ➤ Packing list in English or Spanish ➤ Passport or copy of the passport certified by a lawyer 	<p>Partial tax exemption for Costa Rican citizens who have lived abroad a minimum of 24 months.</p> <p>Returning Costa Ricans wanting to apply for partial tax exemption need to bring a certification from the Costa Rican consulate at the origin country, indicating number of years lived abroad.</p> <p>Other formalities for this status must be made in Costa Rica.</p>	<p>Customs clearance will take approximately 10 working days once shipment has arrived to the port.</p> <p>It is a requirement that the number of pieces and weight reported on the B/L matches with the real number of pieces and weight; otherwise, Customs will apply a fine of 250 USD and there will be a delay in Customs process from 4 to 6 weeks.</p> <p>A physical inspection (examen previo) of your cargo will be scheduled, to verify that there will be no differences between the quantities and weights declared in the shipping documents and the real ones.</p> <p>These tasks are done by our own personnel, highly qualified and with wide experience in the handling of your goods.</p>
Diplomats' Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rated original Bill of Lading or A.W.B ➤ Packing list in English or Spanish. 	Duty free entry.	
Wedding Trousseaux	➤ Same as household goods removal	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Inheritance	➤ Same as household goods removal	Subject to payment of taxes.	
New furniture and Household Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Packing list or inventory. ➤ Original invoices or an under oath statement of value ➤ Rated original B/L or AWA 	Subject to payment of taxes, except those with tax exemption (when applies).	
Works of art and Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invoices if any (not needed if part of household goods shipment) ➤ Packing list or inventory ➤ AWB or Rated original Bill of Lading 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Wooden Goods (furniture, ornaments)	➤ Permit of Ministry of Agriculture	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Precious metal objects (Jewellery and Coins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A.W.B. or Rated original Bill of Lading ➤ Invoices if any. 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Household Appliances	➤ Same as household goods.	Subject to payment of taxes.	Detailed list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electronic articles.
Electrical Appliances	➤ Same as household goods.	Subject to payment of taxes.	Detailed list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances.
Presents, Souvenirs	➤ Same as household goods.	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Motor Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Property justification. ➤ Original property title. ➤ Original purchase invoice ➤ Vehicle emission certificate in Spanish or translated version. Certificate or translated version to be certified by the Consul at the origin country. 	Subject to payment of high taxes except those with tax exemption.	The amount of duties to be paid on vehicles depends on value, year, model, cubic centimeters and extras.
Other Vehicles (Bicycle, water vehicle)	➤ Same as above.	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Machines, Appliances, Spare Parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invoices ➤ Rated original Bill of Lading or A.W.B. 	Subject to payment of taxes except those with tax exemption.	

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Wine, Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permits of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Economy ➤ Invoices & AWB or Rated original B/L 	Subject to payment of high taxes.	
Tins and Foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permits of Ministry of Health (3 copies) 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Arms, Ammunitions, Dangerous Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permits of Ministry of National Security "Seguridad Publica" (only for Costa Rican citizens or residents) 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Medicines, Narcotics and Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Permits of College of Pharmacy and Ministry of Health 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Carpets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rated original Bill of Lading or A.W.B. ➤ Invoices if any 	Subject to payment of taxes.	
Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Phytosanitary certificate. ➤ Permit of Ministry of Agriculture. 	Subject to payment of taxes.	Documentation required before shipment's arrival.
Domestic Pets (Cats and Dogs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Health certificate and anti rabbis' vaccination, both authenticated by the Costa Rican consul and Import Ministry of Health. 	Subject to payment of taxes.	Documentation required before animal's arrival.
Pornographic and Subversive material, drugs and items not being part of the normal household		Importation prohibited.	
Fumigation of Imported and Exported wooden crates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Costa Rica Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods. 	<p>Effective March 2006, any shipments into Costa Rica 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 Costa Rica 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="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px;"> I P P C </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> MX-XXX HT or MB (AAA) </div> </div> <p>MX-XXX = Country code + Accreditation N° HT or MB = Heated Treatment or Bromide Methyl Treatment AAA = Wood Provider Initials / ID. code.</p>	<p>This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raw wood of 6mm thickness or less ➤ Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof ➤ Plywood 5triwall sheets ➤ Agglomerated sawdust sheet ➤ Oriented wooden fibre sheets ➤ Sawdust ➤ Wooden fibre <p>If you have questions, please contact agents in Costa Rica or consult the ISPM publication 15 at:</p> <p>https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND0zN1iyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M~</p>