

**Ecuador**

*New Customs Regulations*

**NEW CUSTOMS REGULATIONS IN ECUADOR FOR CLOTHING AND VEHICLES SHIPPED FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2012 AS PART OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENTS**

According to Presidential Decree # 888, there are new customs regulations for clothing and vehicles. The regulations regarding clothing will be valid for Ecuadoreans returning and also foreigners, except diplomats. Regulations for vehicles will be in effect only for Ecuadoreans returning.

Following you will find a fast description of the regulations and a guide of INSA recommendations for proper information to customers and an efficient preparation of shipment at origin to avoid further delay at customs clearance in Ecuador.

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**NEW REGULATIONS:**

- It is possible to import clothing, shoes and accessories for personal use of the migrant and his core family members in quantities up to 200 kilos for each one of them , provided that the sizes and quantities are in relation with his core family members at the moment of arrival of shipment. If the customs inspectors find more than the allowed quantities, customs will charge taxes over the difference.
- The boxes, suitcases, drawers, used to pack clothing, shoes and personal accessories will have to be duly identified according to its content.
- It is considered as part of the household goods for Ecuadoreans that return with the aim of settling in Ecuador, up to one vehicle for family use, or one motorcycle, provided that it's " model year " corresponds to the four (4) past years, included the year import is performed. To obtain this allowance, it is mandatory that vehicle is shipped together with the household goods, provided that all laws and conditions are complied.

**The following requirements must be complied for importing automobile or motorcycle:**

- a) The Ecuadorean returning must have lived abroad for at least three years
- b) Vehicle must be for personal use of the returning family
- c) The EXW value ( Invoice value) of car must be equal or less than USD20.000, for motorcycle USD8000
- d) Car displacement must be equal or less than 3000cc, motorcycle 650cc
- e) Car or motorcycle must be shipped together with household goods under the same bill of lading
- f) Prior to shipping, you could enter customs information link:  
[www.aduana.gob.ec/contenido/aviso\\_publico2.html](http://www.aduana.gob.ec/contenido/aviso_publico2.html)

*Recommendations*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The origin agent must clearly inform customers shipping to Ecuador that it is possible to import clothing, shoes and accessories for personal use of the migrant and his core family members in quantities up to 200 kilos for each one of them, provided that the sizes and quantities are in relation with his core family members at the moment of arrival of shipment. If the customs inspectors find more than the allowed quantities, customs will charge taxes over the difference.
- To avoid delays at customs inspection in Ecuador, each carton, box, suitcase or drawer must be packed and identified individually for each core family member. Where the operation allows, it is recommended that these items are weighted individually after packing.
- If possible, load the items that contain clothing, shoes and personal accessories as near as possible to the container door, as this may prevent that all goods be unloaded for inspection at customs.

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**Ecuadorian citizens have the right to import household goods, working equipment and a vehicles, new or used, according to the following conditions:**

- Ecuadorian returning will have the benefit to import by demonstrating that he was been residing abroad for at least 1 year (12 complete months) for the case of household goods and working equipment and for at least 3 years for the case of vehicles.
- During the last 12 months (counting from the date of final entry to the country) the owner cannot have entries to Ecuador that exceed 60 accumulative days in one year.
- The shipment must arrive to Ecuador 2 months before or 6 months after the arrival of the owner.
- During the period between the arrival of the client and the arrival of the shipment the owner may not leave the county for more than 30 days.

**Important:** Failure to comply with the listed regulations, the shipment won't be considered as household goods, and it will have to pay duties and taxes in excess of 45% of the CIF (Cost + Insurance + Freight).

*Working Equipment for Returning Ecuadorian*

**CONCEPTS AND REGULATIONS:**

- Working equipment are considered the set of tools, instruments and/ or professional equipment.
- Can be new or used to understand a productive activity in the country, linked or not to the activity, profession or occupation of the migrant or his core family members.
- Is needed to begin an activity in the country, by spouse or co habitant. The activity has to be mentioned in the import form given by Ecuadorian Customs (SENAE).
- Should not necessarily be portable. Tools can be stationary or fixed, can be disassembled or removed; they refer to instruments, structures, machines or machinery.
- If tools or Working equipment does not exceed US\$30,000.00, it is not required to submit the investment project of his business in Ecuado, if the mentioned amount exceeds, migrant must meet the requirements as issued by Customs.