

**El Salvador**

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Removal Goods</b>	<p><b>Non-citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of the bill of lading or airway bill.</li> <li>➤ Original passport</li> <li>➤ NIT (Número de Identificación Tributaria de El Salvador). This must be obtained directly by the client in the offices of the Ministry of Finance of El Salvador.</li> <li>➤ Original and copy of the packing list in Spanish with reasonable values for customs, including the make, model and serial number of the electrical appliances.</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning Citizens:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of the bill of lading or airway bill.</li> <li>➤ Original of the passport</li> <li>➤ NIT (Número de Identificación Tributaria de El Salvador). This must be obtained directly by the client in the offices of the Ministry of Finance of El Salvador.</li> <li>➤ Original and copy of the inventory list, detailing the electrical appliances with make, model and serial number.</li> <li>➤ A copy extra of the list of packing with reasonable values for customs.</li> <li>➤ A certificate issued by the Salvadorian Consulate at origin, stating the time the customer lived in the country where the shipment originates.</li> <li>➤ A certificate of Migratory Movement that is obtained at the Immigration General Office in El Salvador. The consignee must request and obtain this document personally.</li> </ul>	<p>Subject to the payment of duties.</p> <p>Returning Citizens after three or more years, may import their household goods and personal effects duty free up to a maximum of CIG value of US\$15,000.00.</p> <p>In order to retain the right to import their household goods, Salvadorian citizens cannot stay for more than 30 consecutive days in their visits to El Salvador during the last three years, and the shipment must arrive within 90 days of the owner arrival in El Salvador.</p> <p><b>Important</b>          The shipments of non-diplomats and returning citizens will not subject to importation taxes chargeable at 13% - 30% according to El Salvador Customs authorities criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Separate original bills of lading are required for shipments of household goods and automobiles.</li> <li>➤ Importation documents and copies of the bill of lading must be sent (faxed) to the destination agent prior to the shipment arrival.</li> <li>➤ Foreign and Salvadorian citizens are subject to customs inspection of goods.</li> <li>➤ HHG belonging to foreign Non-Diplomats are subject to Customs duties. These duties may be avoided at arrival for 6 months by obtaining a "Bank Guarantee" for the amount equivalent to Customs assessment of the duties to be paid.</li> <li>➤ After the initial 6 months, if shipment is still in the country, Customs duties need to be paid.</li> </ul> <p>Time of the Dispatch: Two to three working days with inspection at customs.</p>
<b>Diplomats' Removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of B/L or Airway-bill.</li> <li>➤ Diplomatic franchise</li> <li>➤ Original and copy of the packing list, including the make, model and serial number of the electrical appliances.</li> </ul>	Duty free and subject to customs inspection of goods.	Time of dispatch: One working day (if all the documents are ready).
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy B/L or Airway-bill</li> <li>➤ Original invoice</li> <li>➤ Original and copy of packing list.</li> </ul>	Subject to payment of duties. Duty free for diplomats.	
<b>Inheritance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	
<b>New furniture and household goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	
<b>Works of Arts, Antiques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	Importers should note that it is prohibited to export a National Work of Art, or Antique, except only as a temporary export.
<b>Precious metal objects (Jewelry, Coins)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	
<b>Household Appliances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	
<b>Electrical Appliances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	
<b>Carpets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as above</li> </ul>	

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<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<p><b>Diplomats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of the bill of lading.</li> <li>➤ Original of the passport Diplomatic Franchise</li> <li>➤ Original of the commercial invoice</li> <li>➤ Original of the ownership title</li> <li>➤ Duties: The importation of automobiles is duty free.</li> </ul> <p><b>Foreigners</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Original and copy of the bill of lading.</li> <li>b) Original of the passport.</li> <li>c) Original of the commercial invoice.</li> <li>d) Original of the ownership title</li> </ol> <p><b>Returning Citizens</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Original and copy of the bill of lading.</li> <li>b) Original of the passport.</li> <li>c) Original of the commercial invoice.</li> <li>d) Original of the ownership title.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Diplomats:</b> Duty and taxes free</p> <p><b>Foreigners &amp; Non-Citizens</b> No duties but subject to taxes payment.</p>	<p>Time of the Dispatch: 3-5 workings days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Only new and used automobiles will be imported into El Salvador with eight years of Manufacture.</li> <li>➤ New automobiles must have a certificate of compliance with anti pollution standards (gases, smoke and particles), in accordance with the type and model of vehicle. This certification must be issued by the manufacturer and authenticated by the Salvadorian Embassy or Consulate at the country of origin. The certificate must be translated into Spanish.</li> <li>➤ Used automobiles must have a certificate of emissions control authorized by a mechanical shop in the country of origin of the shipment, at least 60 days before the automobile is imported into El Salvador.</li> </ul>
<b>Other vehicles</b>	➤ Same as above	➤ Same as above	
<b>Machines, Appliances Spare Parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy B/L or Airway-bill</li> <li>➤ Original invoice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Subject to payment of duties.</li> <li>Duty free for diplomats.</li> </ul>	
<b>Presents, Souvenirs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy B/L or Airway-bill</li> <li>➤ Original invoice</li> <li>➤ Original and copy of packing list</li> </ul>	➤ Same as above	
<b>Wine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of B/L or AWB</li> <li>➤ Original invoice</li> <li>➤ Permit from local health department</li> <li>➤ Price list for local consumption prepared by consignee and approved by local treasury department.</li> </ul>	➤ Subject to payment of duties.	
<b>Tins and Foods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Same as wine above.</li> <li>➤ Also certificate showing that product is authorized for human consumption (must be notarized at origin)</li> <li>➤ Phytosanitary certificate (if not canned goods ex: vegetables)</li> </ul>	➤ Subject to payment of duties.	
<b>Prohibited Articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of B/L or AWB</li> <li>➤ Original invoice</li> <li>➤ Permit from local defense department.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prohibited Articles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fire arms, ammunition, clothing and military items, illegal drugs, and pornographic material.</li> <li>➤ Alcoholic drinks are restricted and they will only be able to concern a maximum of two bottles of liquor by shipment; subject to payment of duties.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medicines, Narcotics and Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of B/L or AWB.</li> <li>➤ Original invoice.</li> <li>➤ Permit from local drug administration office.</li> </ul>	Subject to payment of import duties.	
<b>Plants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Original and copy of B/L or AWB.</li> <li>➤ Original invoice.</li> <li>➤ Phytosanitary certificate.</li> <li>➤ Permit from Ministry of Agriculture.</li> </ul>	Subject to payment of duties.	
<b>Carpets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of pedigree issued in the country of origin of the pet.</li> <li>• Vaccination certificate.</li> <li>• Special permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Stockbreeding.</li> <li>• Pets pay an import tax of approximately 10% of the CIF value.</li> </ul>		