

Panama

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<p>Remark: Customs authorities in Panama are requesting that all Ocean Bills of Lading (OBL) and Air Way Bills (AWB) be rated (show cost). If the OBL / AWB have already been issued without the cost shown, you must request origin ssline / air carrier to authorize their representative in Panama a freight rate certification.</p>			
Diplomat's Removals		All diplomats and public officials entering with a diplomatic or official passport or those who come with a contract from the government have franchise privilege and will not be subject to the usual inspection or examination of household goods.	
Household Goods and Personal Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passport, visa or work permit ➤ Letter confirming employment ➤ Original OBL and Inventory 	Panamanian citizens returning to the country after a time of no less than 2 years can import tax-free all used items. Businessmen who earn U.S. \$1000 or more per month can apply for a special provisional visa allowing some special benefits. Effects should arrive no later than 6 months after his arrival.	All shipments must be inspected at port of entry, but this is usually done at shipper's residence at time of delivery. This service is payable by the shipper directly to the government.
New furniture		Subject to import tax. It is the Executive Power who determines the amount and kind of articles that in each case can be imported duty-free.	
Pets and Animals		Quarantine of 30 days required.	
Vehicles		Subject to duty, based upon evaluation by Panama Customs.	
Miscellaneous		Import of: (maximum) Tobacco: 500 cigarettes or 500 grams of tobacco Alcohol: 3 bottles Perfume: for personal use Gifts: valued PAB 50	
Firearms, Ammunitions and Weapons, Pharmaceuticals and Medicines Psychotropic Drugs, Toxic Waste fertilizer		Prohibited.	

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Boats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not subject to above emission rules unless the boat has a motor. ➤ If the boat has a motor, an EPA3520-21 form is required with a declaration signed by the importer. 	Duty free if part of household goods, owned at least one year and not for re-sale.	
Wine and Alcoholic Beverages	For states that allow legal entry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Descriptive inventory. ➤ License may be required. ➤ Check with port of entry for the laws that apply. 	Subject to various rates of duty and taxes.	Strongly discourage the importing of wine and alcoholic beverages. Some states prohibit entry and Customs will confiscate. In other cases, importation will increase the time and cost of the customs clearance process.
Food	<p>As from May 6, 2009 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires the submission to FDA of prior notice of food, including animal feed, that is imported or offered for import into the United States.</p> <p>Prior notice be submitted to FDA electronically via either the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP or Customs) Automated Broker Interface (ABI) of the Automated Commercial System (ACS) or the FDA Prior Notice System Interface (FDA PNSI).</p> <p>The information must be submitted and confirmed electronically as facially complete by FDA for review no less than 8 hours (for food arriving by water), 4 hours (for food arriving by air or land/rail), and 2 hours (for food arriving by land/road) before the food arrives at the port of arrival.</p> <p>Food imported or offered for import without adequate prior notice is subject to refusal and, if refused, must be held.</p> <p>Shippers must provide the authorities with advance notice of Human and Animal food shipments.</p> <p>This can be done by accessing the following website: http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html</p> <p>Once all the details of a shipment are reported the FDA will provide a registration Number, which must be stated on all Bills of Lading as well as Air Way Bills.</p>		<p>The link to information of prior notice and this rule changes is: http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pn/cpggn7.html</p> <p>Omitting to provide the authorities with the required information may result in delays, fines or even seizure of the shipment by the government.</p> <p>Rules apply to beverages as well as food.</p>
Plants		Prohibited.	
Firearms and Dangerous Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Any firearms acquired overseas require approved U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) permit before importing to the U.S. 	<p>Same person can import firearms purchased by importer in the U.S. back to the U.S. provided firearms were registered with U.S.</p> <p>Customs before being exported from the United States.</p>	Explosives and other dangerous goods are either prohibited or require special permits.

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Pets	Proof of inoculation.	Birds and exotic pets subject to quarantine period.	Make prior telex arrangements with US agent for meeting plane on arrival, clearing, and kennel placement.
Pornographic material, unprocessed furs, skins		Importation prohibited.	Fish and wildlife items are strongly discouraged. Ivory items are prohibited.
Narcotics, Drugs, Incitements		Importation prohibited.	
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden materials	<p>➤ The USA 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>	<p>Effective as from September 16, 2005, shipments into or out of the USA in wooden packaging, will have to have a Seal, which certifies that the shipment has received the required treatment (HT) Heated Treatment (a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes) or Methyl Bromide Treatment [the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours)].</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="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; text-align: center; margin-left: 20px;"> <p>XX - 000</p> <p>YY</p> </div> </div> <p>Where XX is the country code, 000 the producer number, YY the treatment type, and AAA the inspection agency logo.</p>	<p><i>This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less ➤ Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof ➤ Plywood sheets & agglomerated sawdust sheet ➤ Oriented wooden fibre sheets ➤ Sawdust & Wooden fibre <p>If you have questions, please contact agents in the USA or consult the ISPM publication 15 at: https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDServlet?status=ND0zNTlyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJiY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M~</p>