

<b>United States via Los Angeles</b>			
<b>Goods</b>	<b>Documents Required</b>	<b>Customs Prescriptions</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>Alcoholic Beverages &amp; Tobacco</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inventory or invoices showing value and gallon quantity</li> <li>➤ Types of liquor</li> </ul>	Subject to Customs duty and IR tax.  <b>Clearance:</b> 1 to 3 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Should get written approval from District Director of Customs at port of arrival for large shipments of liquor.
<b>Diplomatic Removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Diplomat should contact US Consulate office and State Dept.</li> </ul>	Is not inspected released by general information office at US Customs.  <b>Clearance:</b> Immediate if in order. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	
<b>Firearms and Weapons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Need Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Permit or proof of US ownership</li> </ul>	No automatic weapons or heavy military type application weapons.  <b>Clearance:</b> 1 to 3 days with permit. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Suggest importer file ATF form prior to shipment as normally takes 6 to 8 weeks to get approved permit back.  The standard procedure is for customs to seize the weapons and allow the balance of the shipment to be released.
<b>Fish and Wildlife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Scientific names</li> <li>➤ Invoice/packing list</li> </ul>	May need Agriculture inspection and fumigation.  <b>Clearance:</b> 1 week. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	If endangered subject to seizure and importer may get penalty.
<b>Household Goods and Personal Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ US Customs Form 3299</li> <li>➤ OBL/AWB</li> <li>➤ Inventory, details no PBO or CTN</li> <li>➤ (4) Copy of Passport, Green Card, or Social Security #</li> </ul>	Owners use for one year.  <b>Clearance:</b> Air: 1 to 2 days. Ocean: 2 to 4 days. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	If importing any animal skins or trophies, please call prior to shipping.
<b>New Furniture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Commercial invoice in ENGLISH</li> <li>➤ Importer Social Security #</li> <li>➤ Power of Attorney</li> <li>➤ OBL/AWB</li> </ul>	If less than one year old dutiable at rates from free to 10.7%  <b>Clearance:</b> 3 days if all papers in order. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Invoices should be detailed as to type of furniture, i.e. - table, chair and what material it is made out of. These details allow for proper customs classification
<b>Pets and Animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Proof of Inoculation</li> </ul>	Possible quarantine.  <b>Clearance:</b> 1 to 2 days if not quarantined. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Check with broker for specific types of animals
<b>Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bill of Sale</li> <li>➤ Foreign Registration</li> <li>➤ Power of Attorney</li> <li>➤ Social Security #</li> <li>➤ Bond Application</li> <li>➤ Copy of Driver's License</li> <li>➤ Possible Agriculture inspection</li> </ul>	Current Duty is 2.6% of purchase value on new or used auto. **Vehicles shipped with household goods in full containers will be devanned in most cases.  <b>Clearance:</b> 1 week. Customer presence is not required for clearance.	Customs requires a bond for 3 times the value of the vehicle.  EPA & DOT cost run as high as US\$4000.00 on standard vehicles I.E. - BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche. Exotic models can be as high as \$16,000.00 - and still not able to pass US EPA/DOT requirements.

**Note:** Shippers should be cautioned about random Customs inspections at U.S. ports, which can result in fees from \$300 to \$1,000 if all necessary clearance and documentation procedures have not been followed.

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