

Venezuela Customs Information

Import Regulations

Duties and taxes will be assessed by the Venezuelan government:

Household goods and personal effects shipments coming to Venezuela, even if are used, are subject to import duties, import taxes and Import VAT.

- Duty free importation of household goods and personal effects is granted to returning Venezuelan citizens or residents after living abroad for at least 6 month. It is imperative to obtain a CERTIFICATE OF USE stamped by the Venezuelan Consulate in Origin.
- Duty free importation of household goods and personal effects is granted to accredited diplomat officers who obtain a Diplomatic Franchise or Exoneration of duties with the Venezuelan Government at destination. It is imperative that officer arrives to Venezuela to obtain his diplomatic accreditation with the Venezuelan Government. When he gets his diplomatic accreditation, he will be able to request the diplomatic franchise or exoneration.
- Other visa types are not eligible for CERTIFICATE OF USE and should pay duties and taxes and import VAT.

How to Apply For a Duty Free Importation of Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

CERTIFICATE OF USE FOR NON DIPLOMATS (returning Venezuelan citizens or residents)

This document provides for duty free importation of used household goods and personal effects for non diplomats.

The following individuals may apply for this document at a Venezuelan Consulate in origin:

- ✓ Returning Venezuelan citizens.
- ✓ Returning Individuals who hold a Venezuelan "resident" visa.

In order to apply for the Certificate of Use at the nearest Venezuelan Consulate in origin, is necessary for the individual to prepare a general inventory in Spanish, of all the used items that he has owned for over 6 months without values of the items that he will ship to Venezuela. This list is then attached to the Certificate of Use form. (Please be aware that articles that were purchased 6 months in advance but do not show use will be considered brand new).

INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓ PLEASE DO NOT SHIP THE GOODS FROM ORIGIN, UNTIL our agent in Venezuela GIVES YOU THE GREEN LIGHT.
- ✓ Due to the high costs at the customs house in Venezuela, we suggest hold the shipment at Origin until the shipper's documents are received by our agent in Venezuela.
- ✓ The shipper should be in Venezuela 2 or 3 weeks before the arrival of the shipment to obtain his documentation and reduce port charges.
- ✓ A copy of the AWB or OBL and packing list should be advanced to reduce port charges.
- ✓ Original AWB and BL must be made available to us one week before the arrival of the shipment. Please make your booking with the airline or SS line in Origin to obtain that shipping document and forward it through to our agent in Venezuela to begin customs clearance.
- ✓ The import duties and taxes plus Import VAT amounts must be paid to the Venezuelan government before the beginning of the customs clearance

Documents Required for Customs Clearance in Venezuela: Individuals or Diplomats

- ✓ **Shipper's Original Passport.**
- ✓ **Photocopy of Shipper's Venezuelan RIF**
- ✓ **Authorization Letter** signed by the shipper (sea freight) or Notarized Power of Attorney (air freight). The signature of the shipper must be in original and exactly as shown in his/her passport. This document must be notarized in Venezuela one week before the arrival of the shipment.
- ✓ **Sworn Declaration Letter** signed by the shipper. The signature of the shipper must be in original and exactly as shown in his/her passport.
- ✓ **Original Certificate of Use** stamped by the Venezuelan Consulate in Origin for returning Venezuelan citizens or residents,

For Diplomats: Venezuelan accreditation, Verbal Note and Diplomatic Franchise request. Diplomats must obtain diplomatic accreditation with the Venezuelan government. This can take 3 weeks to be done.

- ✓ **Original Bills of Lading** (3 hard copies of the Original Bill of lading) or Original AWB.
- ✓ **Inventory Listing.**
- ✓ **Shipper's declaration of the brand new items**
- ✓ **Purchase invoice of all brand new items.** Original purchase invoice of the vehicle and original ownership title.
- ✓ **Original statement of the value for the vehicle**
- ✓ **Delivery Address.**

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Prohibited Items:

- Food, alcohol, plants, drugs, arms, pornographic material.
- Vehicles with engines of 8 cylinders,
- New or used motorcycles.
- These items may be confiscated if detected.

Latest Regulations for the Importation of Autos to Venezuela – For Non Diplomats

USED AUTOS

In order to import a used auto to Venezuela, the following requirements must be met:

1. The owner must be a returning Venezuelan citizen or resident.
2. The owner must be at least 18 years old and he must be in Venezuela when the auto arrives.
3. Only one auto may be imported per person. It may not be sold for a period of 3 years.
4. The owner must have owned the auto for over 11 months as shown by the date of the original purchase invoice and registration papers (title). The Venezuelan Consulate in origin must stamp both the invoice and the registration papers. The Customs Office accepts only originals of these documents. When the Certificate of Use covering the car is not made available this will lead to confiscation.
5. If the value of the auto when brand-new was less than \$ 20,000, the auto may be imported duty free.
6. The original value of the auto when brand new (if was less or higher than of US\$20,000) may only be determined by the Venezuelan Taxpayer office (SENIAT). They will issue a statement valid for customs purposes and duties application. The procedure to obtain this official statement takes 6 weeks to be done approx. It should be obtained before shipping the vehicle to Venezuela.
7. Vehicles with engines of 8 cylinders V-8 (brand new or used are prohibited for importation).
8. The auto may only be shipped via FCL/FCL without gas and with battery uninstalled. The container must have the four (4) labels indicating that container has DANGEROUS GOODS.

Please note that our agents in Venezuela will only accept the consignment of an auto after reviewing all the documents including the shippers' passport, the purchase invoice, the title, registration papers and the stamped certificate of use if applicable.