



Importing Personal Property Into Mexico

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

NO NEW ARTICLES/ITEMS/HOUSEHOLD GOODS ALLOWED INTO MEXICO NO EXCEPTIONS

According to Mexican laws, in order to be able to import household goods and personal effects free of import duties, the following rules must be followed:

- The goods must be used, at least six (6) months old and not intended for resale.
- Works of Art, Antiques, Carpets or Rugs must be declared on the notarized list and in amounts that are reasonable to be included as used household goods.
- **Do Not Ship** household goods until all documentation is complete. (The airport holds the shipment for 30 days and Ports for 60 days only)
- If the documentation is not presented by that time, the Mexican government confiscates the shipment.
- Due to Customs regulations agents cannot accept C.O.D. charges. Only destination charges can come in a C.O.D. basis.
- All articles must be included in the “consularized inventory” stamped by the Mexican Consulate in the city of origin. The Mexican government can expropriate any items which are new or not included on the inventory list. Wine and alcohol are strictly prohibited, if they are found in the household goods clearance will be delayed and extra handling fees must be paid to remove them from the shipment. They will be kept with the Customs Dominion until and import permit has been secured and the appropriate duties and taxes have been paid. The same will occur if food and/or plants are found.
- Shipments consigned to Mexico City terminal are handled by steamship line companies own transportation system
- Inform your destination agent of the estimated time of arrival of the shipment at the Customs House of Port of Entry in order for them to proceed with the import process. Have your agent arrange transportation to avoid unnecessary demurrage charges

Required Documents – Foreigners:

- ✓ Original Passport
- ✓ Copy of FM-2 Visa
- ✓ Inventory list in Spanish
- ✓ Manifestation of Value form provided by your service agent
- ✓ Declaration to Customs (Carta Juramentada) attesting you have no illegal substances, food, or firearms
- ✓ Carta Compromiso
- ✓ Carta Solidaria

Diplomat Status - Foreigners:

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of Passport (all pages)
- ✓ Import Permit – “Diplomatic Franchise” must be obtained by the corresponding Embassy in Mexico City from the General Customs Authority
- ✓ Declaration to Customs (Carta Juramentada) attesting you have no illegal substances, food, or firearms
- ✓ Carta Compromiso
- ✓ Carta Solidaria
- ✓ Inventory in Spanish with estimated value
- ✓ Origin and destination addresses
- ✓ Proof of destination address

Diplomat Status - Returning Mexicans:

Required Documents:

- ✓ Copy of Passport (all pages)
- ✓ Import Permit – “Diplomatic Franchise” The corresponding official government office of which the diplomat belongs must obtain this permit through the Embassy in Mexico City from the General Customs Authority
- ✓ Inventory in Spanish with estimated value
- ✓ Origin and destination addresses

Returning Mexican Citizens:

Required Documents: (Only after living 2 years abroad)

- ✓ Copy of Mexican Passport
- ✓ Inventory list - Original and two copies in Spanish notarized and sealed by the Mexican consulate at the place of origin
- ✓ Tax File number (RFC)
- ✓ Declaration Letter (Carta Juramentada) - Provided by service agent to Customs attesting you have no illegal substances, food, or firearms and that other belongings are not new
- ✓ Manifestation of Value form Provided by service agent and signed by the customer

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ ANY NEW HOUSEHOLD GOODS – NO EXCEPTIONS
- ✓ Firearms & Ammunition of any kind including Firecrackers
- ✓ Controlled drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- ✓ Obscene articles, publications, videos & software
- ✓ Reproduction of copyright publications & videos
- ✓ Cars, motorcycles, boats & spare parts
- ✓ Precious metals
- ✓ Wine & Liquor
- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Any kind of food, plants

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Subject to payment of duties; it is recommended to send documents and AWB in advance by fax, to avoid delays in releasing pets. It is recommended to arrange for arrival at the beginning of the week, to avoid pets being kept in Customs control over the weekend, as there is not staff on site to care for them

Required Documents:

- ✓ Authorization from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion
- ✓ Certificate of Health
- ✓ Vaccination Records – including rabies vaccine, must be over 30 days and under 1 year

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Importation of vehicles is very limited only those with diplomat status or foreigners with an FM3 Visa are allowed to import a vehicle.

- ✓ Copy of the FM3 Visa - Allows for the importation of a vehicle. Approximately \$150.00USD will need to be paid at customs and they need to be present at the border to cross the car.
- ✓ Diplomats can import vehicles duty free and do not need to be present at the border to cross the car

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Brand, Model, and Serial numbers of all electrical appliances MUST be written on the notarized inventory list, sealed by the Mexican Consulate.
- For shipments entering through Mexico City Airport or through any port of entry, a solidarity Letter will be required. Original or notarized copy is not necessary when the shipper has an FM-2 or FM-3 Visa and wants to import the goods after a period of six months. But the shipper has to be at the airport to pickup the Goods.
- As the Mexican Ports & Customs houses are saturated, the lift-vans and steel containers are placed in the open and must therefore be well protected against the rain.

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