

ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

Argentine Citizens and Foreign Citizens With Permanent Residence:

- a) Valid and original passport(s) showing clearly that shipper has been a resident in another country for a period not less than 12 months, and that such residence has not been interrupted with entries into Argentina for more than 60 days (accumulative) in the last 12 months prior to shipper's re-entry.
- b) Two Original B/L's or AWB's.
- c) Certificate of Residence issued by Argentine Consulate in the country of Origin. (Not required for foreigners).

Foreign Citizens:

- a) Valid and original passport(s) with 1 year visa . (If possible, it is best to obtain resident visa at origin. Nevertheless, clearance of sea shipments can be performed with 1 year Visa or "Residencia Precaria". For air shipments, see note in special requirements paragraph).
- b) Two Original B/L's or AWB's.
- c) Temporary Admission Forms (Guarantee forms) for sea shipment.

Diplomats / Military Personnel:

A Diplomatic Franchise must be obtained from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Diplomatic Mission or the Official Foreign Organization where the shipper is officially employed.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

Shipment must arrive in Argentina within six months of shipper's first entry into the country, or no more than three months before.

Although it is not necessary for the shipper to be physically present at customs for clearance formalities, he must be in the country to sign and certify certain papers and present us with his original passport. If shipper is an Argentine Citizen returning or Foreign Citizen with

Permanent Residence and does not comply with these Customs Regulations, taxes and duties will be applicable at a rate of 50 %, calculated on the FOB value of the shipment.

As per new Customs requirements, shipper's passport must show a note written and stamped by Customs stating that shipper is expected to receive a shipment of household goods ("Manifiesta esperar equipaje no acompañado") that will allow the importation of the shipment into Argentina. This will be mandatory for all shippers regardless of their nationality and the type of Visa they hold (but not for shippers importing the moves with Diplomatic Franchise). In other words, each shipper must declare at the moment of entering Argentina (at the airport and to Customs officers) that he/she is expecting a move to get this fact clearly noted in the passport.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Foreigners With Temporary Resident Visa must pay taxes and duties for the importation of personal effects and household goods (50% on the FOB value) or should bring them into the country under ***temporary admission*** in accordance with the present guarantee system. The belongings must be guaranteed (bonded) for the duration of the visa and the Bond documents must be renewed each time the visa is renewed.

Goods can be guaranteed by: a) A local bond insurance company through a "Caution policy" (PÓLIZA DE CAUCIÓN) ; b) A company that is registered as an import/export agent in Argentina and has its signature registered with Customs Authorities (this is the more common way used by established companies)

In the case that the client can not comply with these requirements, the move can be imported by paying the taxes and duties as mentioned above.

If at the expiration date of the guarantee the visa has not been renewed, the goods must be re-exported before the expiring of the Guarantee and the Visa. If a permanent residence visa has been obtained, the goods must be nationalized and the guarantee will be cancelled.

Note: In the case of air shipments, the move of foreigners holding a Temporary Visa, the move can be imported duty free only if the consignee has a 1 (one) year Visa. The shipper must pay taxes and duties if he holds a 3 or 6 months Temporary visa.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Illegal drugs
- Child pornography
- Perishable goods
- Items which contain an internal-combustion engine (*)
- Plants

(*)These items are prohibited to be nationalized only (Argentine citizens returning or foreigners with permanent Visa). They may be imported on a temporary basis for foreigners with temporary Visa.

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- Firearms (See special regulations for their importation)
- Alcoholic beverages: up to 30 litres of alcoholic beverages can be imported duty free. Please contact us prior the embarkation if the client wants to bring more.
- Food
- Items that, according to the quantity, quality or type, can be considered to have commercial purposes.