



Importing Personal Property Into Nicaragua

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- Shipper is an accredited diplomat or is working under contract with the Nicaraguan government.
- Shipper is a returning Nicaraguan citizen who has lived a minimum of 24 months abroad (value of items must not exceed US\$200.000.00).
- Shipper is a foreign citizen

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Air Waybill or Bill of Lading

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Birds are prohibited.

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS AND FIREARMS

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

Before importing a vehicle, you should do the following:

- Contact the **Vehicle Safety Standards Branch** to determine if the vehicle can meet the safety and emission requirements. Also, you can obtain an "Application For Vehicle Import Approval" from this agency. Without this permit, a duty of \$12,000 may be applied by customs.

Vehicle Safety Standards Branch

GPO Box 594

Canberra ACT 2601

Attention: Administrator, Motor Vehicle Standards

Department of Transport & Regional Services

Telephone: 02-6274-7506

Fax: 02-6274-6013

- Contact a Customs office to verify duty and sales tax rates for importation of your vehicle. Rates vary depending on the make, model and value of the vehicle.
- Clean the vehicle of all soil, including the underside. Quarantine authorities will inspect the vehicle upon arrival to ensure it is clean.
- Contact the **Motor Vehicle Registration Authorities** of the State/Territory of your destination to ensure it will meet their registration requirements.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Permit to import from Vehicle Safety Standards Branch
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Driver's License
- ✓ Purchase and Transaction Documents
- ✓ Bills of Sale
- ✓ Registration and Insurance Papers
- ✓ Service Records and Log Books

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

In order to import a dog or cat, the following conditions must be met:

- Dogs/Cats can only be imported if they are from the following **approved countries**: United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Norfolk Island.
- The dog/cat must have been in the **approved country** for at least 6 months (or from birth) and must **NOT** have been in a quarantine kennel in the country of export.
- A permit must be obtained before importation, except if the dog/cat is from New Zealand. Permits to import must be obtained from the Chief Quarantine Officer (animals). Applications for permits can be obtained from the Australian Department of Health in Canberra.

Note: Birds and prohibited animals will be destroyed upon arrival.

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS:

The following steps should be taken prior to importation:

- The Police Department in the state of your final destination is contacted regarding regulations and to obtain approval for importing the firearm.
- A **Firearm License** is obtained from the Australian Police authorities in the region of your final destination.

The firearm can be imported duty-free if:

- You have a Firearm License.
- The firearm passes ballistics inspection by the Commonwealth Police.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Firearm License

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- Australian Customs Service
- Excess Baggage Company
- Lane Moving and Storage

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to