



Importing Personal Property Into *Bolivia*

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS/ PERSONAL EFFECTS AND PETS

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

- The shipper is a foreign diplomat. Duty-free entry is not granted to Bolivian diplomats returning to Bolivia.

SHIPMENTS OTHER THAN DIPLOMATIC:

- The Packing list should not include any values of the items listed.
- Customs will assess 32% over the estimate value for personal effects and linens.

Notes:

- For shipments containing new furniture/household good and/or alcohol, if the value exceeds USD \$1,000.00, an authorized verifying company must intervene.
- The shipper must be present for customs clearance.
- Customs reserves the right to inspect all shipments before clearing them. Customs inspections will occur only in the presence of the shipper or his/her authorized agent.
- Duties will be assessed at 42% over CIF value for electrical appliances and 32% for personal computers.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Valid passport
- ✓ Original Inventory list in Spanish and 5 copies.
- ✓ The original Insurance policy and 2 copies of it.
- ✓ Original bill of lading or airway bill

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Firearms and ammunition
- Explosives
- Dangerous objects
- Narcotics
- Drugs
- Pornographic material

RESTRICTED ITEMS:

- New furniture and household goods will be subject to duties of 42% over CIF value and require invoices.
- Alcohol and tobacco products are subject to duties of approximately 42% over the CIF value.
- Food – requires a Phytosanitary Certificate.
- Medicine
- Plants – requires a Certificate of Sanitation.
- Carpets
- Precious metal objects (e.g. jewelry and coins).
- Works of art and antiques will be assessed 32% duties over CIF Value. Required documents include: commercial invoices, list of titles of the pieces of art, export permit from country of origin, bill of lading or airway bill and an insurance policy.

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS:

- Non-diplomatic shipments are subject to payment of 32% duties over CIF Value.
- Duty-free for Diplomats.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Health Certificate issued at origin by a certified veterinarian.
- ✓ Inoculation Certificate

IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

- A value inspection must occur for shipments other than diplomatic. A Bolivian contractor company must carry out this inspection at origin.
- If the freight on board value of the vehicle exceeds USD \$12,000, the shipper must pre-authorize importation through the SGS or the Inspectorate.
- When a commercial invoice for a used car is unavailable, the authorized Verifying Companies in Bolivia must intervene. Complete details of the general and technical characteristics of the vehicle should be sent to Bolivia.
- Non-diplomatic shipments are subject to payment of 42% over CIF Value.
- Duty-free for diplomats.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- ✓ Commercial Invoice
- ✓ Inventory list
- ✓ Technical report including a technical pollution inspection and good performance.
- ✓ Insurance Policy – original and 2 copies
- ✓ Certificate of Origin
- ✓ Verifying Certificate for shipments other than diplomatic.
- ✓ Description of automobile, including the make, model, year, etc.
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Registration

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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 contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.