



Importing Personal Property Into Chile

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

CUSTOMER MUST BE IN CHILE AT TIME OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.

Returning Chileans and foreigners coming to work in Chile are exempted from duties on their household goods and personal effects. If all documents arrive timely, clearance can be affected before the vessel arrives so that immediate delivery upon arrival is possible.

Customs officers carry out random baggage checks. If during one such check items which are expressly forbidden are found, the offender is placed at the disposal of the Customs Tribunal. This authority can order the confiscation of such items, the levying of fines, or even the placing under custody of the offender.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport including photo page
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill (express B/L is acceptable)
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory (each lift van must have individual inventory lists for clearance)
- ✓ Work Permit – Application is acceptable

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry upon receiving the Chilean Government Decree of Exemption. Returning Chilean Diplomats will need Decree of Exemption

Note: If all documents arrive timely, clearance can be affected before the vessel arrives, allowing for immediate delivery upon arrival.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Comprehensive inventory list (English is fine)

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Sporting guns and ammunitions- Require a permit from the Weapons Control Bureau
- ✓ Alcohol and tobacco
- ✓ New furniture requires invoices for all pieces – Duty is approximately 44% of CIF value
- ✓ Caviar, pearls, synthetic furs, uncut precious, semi-precious or synthetic stones (personal use only)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind: Medicines require a prescription
- ✓ Firearms and weapons of a non-sporting nature with out the proper permits
- ✓ Pornographic materials

IMPORTATION OF PETS

All animals must meet specific inoculation requirements of their origin country. Pets are generally duty free unless commercial use is intended. Exotic pets are liable to quarantine. Please check with your destination agent regarding these types of pets.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination including rabies by a certified veterinarian at origin
- ✓ International Health Certificate – issued by authorities at country of origin

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Customer's presence including diplomats is required for clearance.

Only one vehicle is allowed importation. Absolutely NO used motorcycles are allowed to be imported. Diplomats, foreign diplomatic personnel or returning Chilean diplomats are exempted of paying duties. Returning Chileans can import one new or used vehicle. Foreigners can only import a vehicle that is new. Full import duty is approximately 34%-183% of the vehicle's value.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration,
- ✓ Original OBL/AWB
- ✓ Commercial Invoice or proof of purchase

NOTE:

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:

Chile has adopted measures in line with ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM). At present Chile will require wood packaging to be debarked. Chile began enforcement June 1, 2005. Please note while Chile will accept a Phytosanitary certificate in lieu of the official mark under ISPM15, it is against APHIS policy to issue a Phytosanitary certificate for wood packaging used in the transport of commodities.

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