
**CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR IMPORTS**

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

Non-Diplomat

- Resident visa for at least one year, or visa subject to employment confirmation
- Airway bill/Bill of lading
- Packing list
- Employment confirmation
- Passport copy
- Valued inventory for customs
- Notarized power of attorney authorizing agent to clear the household goods.

Diplomat

- Airway bill/Bill of lading
- Packing list
- Passport copy
- Valued inventory for customs
- Exemption form from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Liberation form issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, upon request of the organization to which the importer belongs
- Valued inventory for customs
- Notarized power of attorney authorizing agent to clear the household goods

Citizen

- Airway bill/Bill of lading
- Packing list
- Passport copy
- Travel certificate showing inbound and outbound travel dates; certificate must be obtained in Chile
- Notarized power of attorney authorizing agent to clear the household goods

B. Specific Regulations

- Household goods are generally assessed 6% duty over CIF value, plus a surcharge of 50% on used goods.
- HHG imports are subject to a VAT of 19% over CIF plus duties.
- The customs valuation of HHG considers depreciation for use, and should be comparable to the value of similar articles in the country of origin.
- Most HHG and PE shipments are subject to physical inspection by Customs; such inspections carry a cost and may delay clearance for up to one day.
- The Agriculture Office (SAG) inspects all HHG arriving in Chile.
- All wood packing and wood items are checked for compliance with ISPM 15 standards.



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- If there is no previous treatment of wood items, the Agriculture Office may order a complete fumigation (wood furniture is not required to have previous fumigation).

Non-Diplomat

- Foreigners with a temporary residence visa or visa subject to work contract for at least one year may import HHG and PE up to USD 5,000 FOB without paying duties or taxes.
- If the visa is still in process, it is possible to clear under bonded storage at the personal residence. Definitive importation of goods must be done within 90 days.
- Foreigners arriving in Chile can only import new cars and must pay all required duties and taxes.

Diplomat

- Diplomats and international officials are exempt from importation duties and taxes on household goods.

Citizen

- The exemption allowance to import without payment of duty and tax depends on the length of stay abroad:
 - If abroad between six months and one year, the exemption allowance is up to USD 500 FOB. The stay abroad must be continuous.
 - If abroad between one and five years, the exemption allowance is up to USD 3,000 FOB. The stay abroad may have an interruption of up to one month per year.
 - If abroad over five years, the exemption allowance is USD 5,000 FOB, as long as the interruption of the stay abroad does not exceed two months per year.
- Importation of HHG under these exemptions results in a simplified customs procedure, subject to a charge of 1% on CIF value.
- The re-importation of HHG previously exported from Chile is exempt from duties and taxes. The corresponding exportation must be backed by the required documentation (bill of lading, packing list, and customs export declaration). A single shipment may contain returning HHG plus goods acquired abroad.

MOTOR VEHICLES

A. Documents Required

- Commercial invoice or sales contract for the vehicle
- Certificate of title
- Sworn declaration of the description of the vehicle
- Insurance certificate displaying the amount of the premium paid

B. Specific Regulations

- It is required that the weight and freight amount of the HHG and the vehicle are listed on the BL. The number of pieces and a description of the car must be included as well.



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Non-Diplomat

- Foreigners arriving in Chile can only import new cars, and must pay all duties and taxes.

Diplomat

- Chilean diplomats have the option of a monetary compensation if they do not import a vehicle, or may import a new car free of duty and tax instead.
- Foreign diplomats and international officials are exempt from duty and tax on their automobiles.

Citizen

- Chileans returning after stays abroad for one or more years may import a new or used car, paying all required duties and taxes.

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Pro forma invoice
- International vaccination certificate (dogs and cats)

B. Specific Regulations

- Pets are not quarantined.
- Pets may be retrieved from customs immediately upon arrival.
- Agent must know in advance the date and flight of arrival to assist in clearing.

Note: Check with agent prior to shipping other types of pets as some may require additional permits from agriculture (SAG).

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

Alcohol

- Adults over 18 years old may import 2.5 liters of alcohol duty free, including wine.
- If amount exceeds 2.5 liters, consignee will pay duties and taxes of 27% or more.

Firearms

- Only sports firearms for hunting may be imported.
- A special permit must be obtained prior to shipping.

Motorcycles

- Importation of used motorcycles is strictly forbidden.

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Food

- Only non-perishable food, canned or sealed, and in an amount limited for personal use may be imported.

Note: *We strongly advise not to include food items in any HHG shipment. All shipments, including diplomatic shipments, are subject to examination by the Agriculture Department.*

Recommended: Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the AWB / BL, packing list, passport copy, and full contact details of the consignee.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly "Used household goods and personal effects."
- Packing list should be in English or Spanish.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.
- Pre-alert along with the copies of the waybill, packing list, valued inventories for customs, and shipping schedule should be sent well in advance.
- Please consult with the destination agent for updated consignment instructions.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs
- Meat
- Foodstuffs (not packed in cans)
- Used motorcycles
- Used vehicles (non-diplomatic foreigners)

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