



## **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 work visa (1 year) or tourist visa (3 months) . (If possible, it is best to obtain resident visa at origin. Nevertheless, clearance of sea shipments can be performed with any kind of visa . 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 shipments which will be provided by Mda Cargo Agent in Buenos Aires S.A. to the account and shipper prior to shipment's arrival.

### **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. (To enter before, contact us in advance to coordinate with customs.)

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 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.

### **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. 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.

In the case of **sea shipments**, as of March 1st 2006, persons with the intention to import household effects for personal use, holding a tourist visa only, will be required to present proof that an application has been made to the Immigrations authorities requesting a one-year work or any other kind of visa in order to authorize the importation duty free and under the guarantee system. Such proof may be shown with a certified copy of the receipt issued by Immigrations showing the process has been initiated. ( Comprobante del Ministerio del Interior - Dirección Nacional de Migraciones - Mesa de Entrada ).

### **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 3, 6 or 12 months Visa.

**RESTRICTED ITEMS:**

- Firearms (See special regulations for their importation)
- Alcoholic beverages: up to 30 liters of wine plus up to 30 liters of any other 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.

**ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF WOODEN PACKING**

- Argentina has officially adopted ISMP standards regarding treatment of wood packing materials since March 1st, 2006. Please note that the stamp in the wood won't be sufficient. You will have to send the proper certificate. Please send this certificate together with the shipment documentation.

**ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS**

The importation of original paintings or works of art is not restricted in Argentina. Nevertheless, Argentine Customs require us to attach an exhaustive and detailed declaration of all works of art in a special form.

**ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS**

Please note that the firearms must be accommodated near the door of the container to be verified at Customs here in Argentina. Customs will give us a certificate of inspection. With this certificate, the owner must go (personally) to the "RENAR" (fire arms governmental office) and get the final authorization for the importation of the arms. We can clear and deliver the rest of the shipment but the firearms must be kept under Custom's custody until the client completes all procedures at "RENAR". This procedure may take approx. 15 to 20 days. After the client completes this procedure, Argentine Customs return the firearms to the client.

**ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF CARS**

**DIPLOMATS** are able to import used or new cars.

**RETURNING ARGENTINE CITIZENS** may import used cars only (one for each adult member of the family).

**PERSONS WITH PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS** may import used cars only, under the same rules that apply to Argentine citizens returning.

**PERSONS WITH TEMPORARY VISA** may import used cars under *temporary admission*. The car is only allowed temporary admission for the same period the client has the Visa and can be renewed if the client renews the Visa. When the visa expires, the car must be removed from Argentina.

**General Requirements:**

- 1) Car must enter Argentina within (6) six months after shipper/owner arrival.
- 2) Car must be under shipper's name.
- 3) Importation of **new** cars is subject to Ministry of Commerce regulations and is limited to certain types of vehicles.

**Documentation Required for Argentine Citizens and Foreign Citizens with Permanent Residence:**

- 1) Owner's original passport.
- 2) 2 Original B/L's.
- 3) Complete car documentation including the property title under the name of the shipper.
- 4) Original purchase invoice.
- 5) Certificate of Residence issued by the Argentine Consulate at origin country ( for Argentine citizens returning only)

*Note: All documents that are not issued in Spanish must be translated by an official Translator and certified by the Argentine College of Translators.*

**Duties / Taxes:**

Approximately 79% of car CIF value for normal cars , 100% for diesel cars and 65% for motorcycles.

Argentine citizens returning can use this franchise (always paying taxes and duties) only once per lifetime and Customs will authorize just one for each adult member of the family.

**ARGENTINE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS**

- 1) Obtain a health certificate (no more than 10 days can pass from the date of issue until arrival) and a valid and current anti-rabies vaccination certificate for the animal.
- 2) Have this certificate stamped by the nearest Argentine Consulate (if possible). This document should accompany the animal when it arrives in Argentina.

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