



Importing Personal Property Into

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The items have been in the possession of the shipper for at least one year.
- There are no duplicate large electrical appliances.
- The shipper has been living outside of the Dominican Republic for at least 2 years and has not visited for more than 180 days in those 2 years.
- The shipper's presence is required for Customs clearance.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Provisional Residency Card
- ✓ Passport with a visa from the Dominican Consulate at origin.
- ✓ Original ocean bill of lading or air waybill.
- ✓ Detailed original inventory in Spanish or English.
- ✓ Original and legalized Dominican Republic consular invoice.

Note: Dominican citizens must have been out of the country for at least one year.

DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS

- Customs regulations do not apply to diplomatic officials.
- Personnel must apply for exoneration of their household goods to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Santo Domingo.

RESTRICTED/PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Illicit drugs or associated paraphernalia
- Counterfeit, altered or imitated articles of coins, paper money, banknotes or securities.
- Articles that infringe upon patents, trade marks or copyrights.
- All animal products, agricultural and horticultural products. (permits required prior to release of items to shipper)
- Wine, alcohol and food is limited to quantities for personal consumption only.
- Firearms, ammunition and pornography

- Machines, appliances and spare parts.

Note: Customs will confiscate and destroy all plants upon arrival if packed with household goods. Machines, appliances and spare parts require original invoices.

IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- One automobile per shipper (registered in the shipper's name for more than one year) is partially exempt from duty payment, by virtue of Dominican Republic Law 168.
- The vehicle's engine must not be larger than 2000cc and have not more than 6 cylinders.
- Shipper must be present at Customs clearance.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Shipper's passport with visa
- ✓ An original ocean bill of lading or airway bill, displaying the shipper's name as it appears on the passport.
- ✓ An original and legalized Dominican Republic consular invoice.
- ✓ Alien residence card of the shipper, if he or she is a returning Dominican Republic citizen.
- ✓ Dominican Republic residence card of the shipper, if he or she is a foreign citizen.
- ✓ Original legalized commercial invoice or bill of sale.
- ✓ Certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles at origin legalized by the Dominican Consulate.
- ✓ An original and one copy of the certificate of title (except if the vehicle is shipped from Miami, Florida. Then the title must be from the United States Customs Service).
- ✓ Copies of the registration for every year the automobile has been in the shipper's possession. The original registration cards for the current year and previous 2 years.

IMPORTING PETS

IMPORTATION OF CATS AND DOGS

- Cats and dogs are allowed importation, if accompanied by a notarized Certificate of Health issued by a veterinarian, and vaccination records.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Veterinary Certificate (less than 90 days old)
- ✓ Vaccination records, including Rabies history
- ✓ Original Bill of Lading/Airway Bill

IMPORTATION OF OTHER ANIMALS

- Requires a veterinary certificate at origin verifying the animal is free of disease.
- Birds require quarantine of at least 10 days

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Health Certificate
- ✓ Import Permit issued by the Department of Agriculture and Nation Zoo.

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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.