



# Importing Personal Property Into

# NICARAGUA

## IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

### DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS IS MET:

- Shipper is an accredited diplomat or is working under contract with the Nicaraguan government.
- Shipper is a returning Nicaraguan citizen who has lived a minimum of 24 months abroad (value of items must not exceed US\$200,000.00).
- Shipper is a foreign retiree.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ALL SHIPMENTS

- ✓ Air Waybill, Bill of Lading, or Inland Transportation Document
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Original packing list in English or Spanish. Handwritten lists will not be accepted.
  - Brand name, model, price and serial number of all appliances and electronic devices must be in the packing list.

### DUTY-FREE SHIPMENTS

- Diplomats can import personal effects/household goods and automobiles duty-free with the following document (required in addition to those listed above):
  - ✓ Original Tax Exemption Document
- Returning Nicaraguan Citizens who have resided outside of Nicaragua for at least 24 months can import personal effects/household goods and automobiles duty free with the following documents (required in addition to those listed above):
  - ✓ Migratory certification from Nicaraguan Consulate in country of residence
  - ✓ Migratory certification from Migration Office in Nicaragua demonstrating length of stay outside the country.

- ✓ Copy of passport must include last entry to the country.
- Retired foreigners can import personal effects/household goods and automobiles duty-free with the following document (required in addition to those listed above):
  - ✓ Original Tax Exemption Document. (To apply for tax exemption, the shipper must already have a Nicaraguan Residence Identification.)

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs
- Toluene (Glue)

### RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Foods
- Medicines
- Vegetable- and animal-based products
- Weapons
- Gunpowder
- Chemicals
- Radio and telephone equipment
- Pornography
- Land Rover automobiles

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- All automobiles except those imported by diplomats are subject to import duties.
- Automobiles more than 7 years old are prohibited from importation into Nicaragua.
- Automobiles manufactured by Land Rover are prohibited from importation into Nicaragua.
- Automobiles must be accompanied by a certificate authenticated by the Nicaraguan consulate in the origin country.

## **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS**

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### **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

(All should be under importer's name)

- ✓ Original bill of lading
- ✓ Original vehicle property title
- ✓ Registration card
- ✓ Original purchase invoice or original sales contract

### **IMPORTING PETS**

- Domestic cats and dogs may be imported, provided they are accompanied by the proper documentation.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Certified vaccine record
- ✓ Certified veterinarian certificate from origin
- ✓ Original Permit from Ministry of Agriculture

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

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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.**