



Importing Personal Property into

BRAZIL

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The items must not be for re-sale.
- One air and one ground shipment is permitted, provided that the shipments contain used furniture, articles for domestic use; and machines, tools and instruments needed in the shipper's profession.

Notes:

- **All shipments packed in wooden liftvans will be fumigated upon arrival in Brazil.**
- **Returning Brazilian Citizens or Immigrants with a Permanent Visa** must have lived abroad for more than 365 days. They must provide a Residence Certificate obtained from the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate or proof of residence in Brazil (utilities bills, rental contract, etc.).
- **Immigrants with temporary visa** (Work visa) with a work contract in Brazil have to post a bond or pay duty of 50% over declared value of the goods.
- **Do not send a shipment before the shipper has obtained his/her visa. A shipment cannot be cleared under a tourist visa, under any conditions.**
- Customs clearance can proceed once the shipper has arrived in Brazil.
- The shipment must arrive within 6 months of the shipper, and as of 2007, no extensions are allowed.
- The shipper's airline ticket used to arrive in Brazil is required for customs clearance.
- The shipment must originate from the shipper's city of last residence or from the country listed in his or her visa.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ **A Public Notary in Brazil must legalize all documents and signatures.**
- ✓ **All shipments require a signed, detailed* Inventory List** (original and 2 copies) translated into Portuguese. Values should be listed in US dollars. Inventory list must include ALL items in shipment and pets. All electrical, electronic, mechanical or optical devices (including computers) must be listed with their brand, model, serial numbers and dates of manufacture. Separate lists must be made for new and used goods.
* **Goods not included on the inventory but included in the shipment will likely delay your shipment at customs and be subject to very high taxes and duties.**

For Permanent Visa holders and Returning Residents:

- ✓ Passport and visa
- ✓ Original and two copies of signed, detailed * Inventory List, as described above.
- ✓ Original bill of lading/ air waybill
- ✓ Two copies of Brazilian identification card (RG)
- ✓ Two notarized copies of Physical Personal Register (CPF)
- ✓ Notarized copy of tax card (CIC)
- ✓ Notarized power of attorney providing Brazilian agent with the authority to clear the shipment through Customs.
- ✓ Notarized copy of airplane ticket used by the shipper to enter Brazil.
- ✓ Shipper must register at Federal Police Department in Brazil before delivery of shipment.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS; DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS, RESTRICTED & PROHIBITED ITEMS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (CONTINUED)

- ✓ Proof of residence abroad
- ✓ A Residence Certificate obtained from the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate or proof of residence in Brazil (utilities bill, rental contract, etc).

For Temporary Visa or Work Permit holders:

- ✓ Two complete copies of the passport with a visa valid for at least 180 days.
- ✓ Copy of Physical Personal Register (CPF), RNE or protocol issued by a local authority **and** authenticated airline ticket to Brazil.
- ✓ Signed, detailed **Inventory List**, as described on page 1.
- ✓ Copy of the employment contract
- ✓ Statement of responsibility from the Brazilian employer stating they will pay all duties and taxes on shipper's household goods/personal effects should the goods not be re-exported.
- ✓ Local application for employment
- ✓ Proof of residence in Brazil
- ✓ Power of attorney

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

- Diplomats must request, while in Brazil, a franchise to clear the goods. The franchise should be obtained prior to the shipment's arrival in Brazil.
- Diplomats are allowed to import household goods and personal effects into Brazil duty free. Cars or any motor vehicle will be held by federal customs.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR DIPLOMATS

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise with list of goods attached.
- ✓ Copy of Physical Personal Register (CPF)
- ✓ Notarized copy of Brazilian tax card (CIC)
- ✓ Copy of passport
- ✓ Consular card issued in Brazil
- ✓ Ocean bill of lading/ air waybill

- ✓ Notarized copy of Brazilian identification card

- ✓ Notarized copy of airplane ticket used by the shipper to enter Brazil

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Bringing medicine, food or beverages is not recommended- these items will be examined by the Ministry of Health and Agriculture.
- New items will incur duty in certain Brazilian ports.
- Plants require a phytosanitary certificate issued by competent local authority.
- Medicines must be accompanied by a doctor's prescription.
- Tobacco is restricted to 400 cigarettes or 25 cigars.
- Wine and alcoholic beverages are restricted to 2 liters and will incur duties. Alcohol may be confiscated.
- Duplicate appliances will be assessed high duties.
- Bicycles will incur duties.
- Photo, audio and video equipment is dutiable.
- For air shipments (not ground shipments) for temporary or work visa holders, the following items will require a bank guarantee and could delay customs clearance by 30 or more days:
 - Electric or electronic equipment
 - Computers
 - Furniture
 - Domestic appliances
- Temporary visa holders will pay taxes on food, cosmetics and any consumable item.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Engines and vehicles, unless included in a diplomatic removal.
- Jewelry, currency or valuable items.
- Foodstuffs
- Flammable and corrosive materials.
- Coin or stamp collections of high value.
- Personal computers are prohibited unless listed on the inventory and valued in US Dollars.
- Handguns and ammunition, unless authorization is obtained from the Ministry of the Army in advance of importation.

IMPORTING PETS & FIREARMS

IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Dogs, cats and birds may be imported into Brazil if included on the original inventory and are accompanied with the required documentation.
- Pets other than dogs, cats and birds must be pre-approved by the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR PETS

- ✓ Health Certificates
- ✓ Rabies vaccination certificate
- ✓ Sanitary certificate issued by a veterinarian duly stamped by the USDA, dated less than one week prior to the pet's departure.

IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS

- The firearms/weapons must be specifically described on the Inventory List, and can be included with household items.

- Shipper must register weapons with the Brazilian Army Authorities upon arrival of shipment.
- Check with Customs/Army Authorities for a list of prohibited weapons prior to departure.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ International Certificate of Import
- ✓ Registration with the Army Official Department
- ✓ Legal registrations for each weapon

Note: All shipments that enter or arrive in Brazil must have clients CPF card number (The Brazilian Social Security of each individual arriving or living in Brazil. Foreigners will need to apply on their arrival in Brazil) mentioned on the original Bill of Lading. Delays will be caused if CPF card number is not listed on the OBL, generating extra charges with port storage and demurrage.

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