



## Importing Personal Property Into

# ARGENTINA

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS & PERSONAL EFFECTS

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

- The shipper has resided abroad and used the goods for at least 1 year. Shipper may have visited Argentina for no more than 60 days during that year to gain free entry.
- Importation is made any time between 3 months before and up to 6 months after the date of arrival by the shipper, proven by the seals stamped on the passport.
- The value of household goods and personal effects must not exceed \$25,000
- The value of a used car must not exceed \$10,000

#### **Notes:**

- New goods and automobiles are subject to duties and taxes.
- Foreigners with a temporary visa may import household goods, personal effects and one automobile on a temporary basis only.
- Duplicate appliances are not permitted entry.
- One air and one sea shipment are permitted.
- All documents must have the shipper's name exactly as it appears on his or her passport.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

##### **For All Shippers:**

- ✓ Detailed inventory (English or Spanish)
- ✓ 2 original bills of lading/original air waybill
- ✓ Original passport. If it is less than one year old, the previous passport must also be supplied
- ✓ Permanent visa (copy is ok)

##### **For Diplomats:**

- ✓ A Diplomatic Exemption (Franchise) must be obtained by Embassy from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

##### **For Argentine Citizens & Foreign Citizens:**

- ✓ Permanent resident visa issued at origin
- ✓ Permanent entry visa stamped on passport by immigration authorities at airport of entry.
- ✓ Consular certificate (when coming from a neighboring country)
- ✓ Certificate of residence issued by the Argentine Consulate declaring residence abroad for at least 1 year.
- ✓ Foreign citizens entering with permanent residence must apply for duty-free entry of their goods within 30 days of issuance of their permanent visa.

##### **For Foreign Citizens with Temporary Residence Visas:**

- ✓ Temporary residence visa for at least 1 year.
- ✓ Must provide bank guarantee to Customs until permanent visa is obtained for goods to be cleared

#### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Alcohol is restricted to 2 bottles per person
- Tobacco and foodstuffs are subject to import duties and taxes. Importation is not recommended.
- Argentine Customs checks all appliances (televisions, amplifiers, radios, etc.) to verify whether they are used.
- New items are subject to high duties.
- Gifts are dutiable
- Sports weapons require proof of ownership

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic or obscene materials
- New computers
- Color TVs and new TVs
- Unauthorized weapons or firearms
- Ammunition and explosives

## IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES, PETS & ART

### IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

- High duties and taxes must be paid on new imported vehicles including cars and motorcycles. Only diplomats are exempt from paying duties on vehicles.
- Used cars may be imported duty free.
- Returning Argentines may import used vehicles if they have resided abroad for at least 1 year and have not returned to Argentina for a stay exceeding 60 days.
- Temporary residents may import used vehicles duty and tax-free for 8 months, at which time the car must be re-exported, unless an extension for an additional 8 months is granted. If the shipper obtains a permanent resident visa, then the vehicle can be nationalized and imported with the payment of duties and taxes.
- Shipper must obtain proper vehicle license and registration and automobile insurance prior to importation.
- One vehicle per person can be imported into Argentina.
- The original title or registration and invoice must be in the name of the consignee.
- Vehicle cannot be sold within the first year of importation.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

#### New vehicles

- ✓ Owner's original passport
- ✓ Original certificate of title\*
- ✓ Original certificate of residence
- ✓ Motor vehicle sales tax receipt
- ✓ Original purchase invoice\*
- ✓ Two original bills of lading
- ✓ Vehicle catalog and license certificate
- ✓ "Certificado de Pre-Embarque" (Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate)
  - \*These items must be legalized by Argentinian Consulate at origin

#### Used vehicles; temporary residents

- ✓ Original passport
- ✓ Original title

#### Used vehicles; permanent residents

- ✓ Customs form OM-1781 A
- ✓ Original bill of lading
- ✓ Original title or registration in name of importer
- ✓ Original purchase invoice
- ✓ Residence certificate from Argentine Consulate at origin
- ✓ Complete copy of Argentine passport (when applicable)
- ✓ Copy of foreign passport with permanent resident seal (when applicable)

**NOTE:** All documents that are not in Spanish should be translated by a certified translator, whose signature should be notarized by the Board of Translators in Argentina.

### IMPORTATION OF PETS

- Cats and dogs are allowed duty-free entry.
- Other animals are prohibited.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ U.S. Interstate International Certificate of Good Health Examination for Small Animals (APHIS Form 7001) legalized by the Argentine Consulate at origin.
  - ✓ This certificate can be obtained from a veterinarian's office or from your state's USDA office. Form must be translated into Spanish.
  - ✓ The form requires the signature of a veterinarian from the USDA within 10 days prior to the pet's departure.
  - ✓ This certificate must be stamped by the Argentine Consulate at origin.
- ✓ Rabies certificate

### IMPORTATION OF WORKS OF ART OR ANTIQUES

- There is generally no problem with importing works of art and antiques, provided articles are used and in reasonable quantities that do not imply commercial intents.
- Precious metal or stone objects are also permitted entry under the same guidelines as works of art and antiques, if the quantities are reasonable for a private collection.

## IMPORTING FIREARMS

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### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Ocean bill of lading or air waybill
- ✓ Detailed packing list
- ✓ Shipper's passport

### IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS

- To import a firearm a special permit (Renar – Registro Nacional de Armas) from the local authorities is required.

Customs will retain the firearm until the shipper obtains such a permit.

- Firearms should be packed near the container doors for easy access.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ List the firearm separately on the inventory

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