



## Export Customs Guide **COLOMBIA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal Goods – HHG/PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Notarized copy of Colombian ID</li><li>▪ Notarized copy main page of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)</li><li>▪ Notarized powers of attorney and forms</li><li>▪ Copy of air ticket or electronic booking</li><li>▪ Copy or photo of the last exit stamp of Colombia migration authorities<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination</li></ul></li><li>▪ Copy of RUT (if apply)</li><li>▪ Work letter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Partial customs clearance is not permitted, and it must be done at airport or port of departure.</li><li>▪ The deadline for shipping household goods is 30 calendar days before or up to 120 calendar days after the client's departure.</li><li>▪ PROHIBITED ITEMS<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Tires</li><li>▪ Spare parts</li><li>▪ Firearms -weapons</li><li>▪ Pornographic material</li><li>▪ Perishable items.</li><li>▪ Protected species and products or plants of any kind.</li><li>▪ Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels / Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.</li><li>▪ Drone Toys.</li><li>▪ Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions you should take with you and the prescription.</li><li>▪ Value items, collections, or money in cash.</li><li>▪ Pre-Colombian ceramics</li><li>▪ Art Paintings considered national interest.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export household goods.</li><li>▪ No commercial quantities are allowed.</li><li>▪ If Colombian citizens want to return to Colombia less than two years of living abroad, they should make “re-importation” attaching export household documents only if they exported when they left Colombia. “Re- importation” process: the items to import must be the same items exported from Colombia, the weight, volume and packages number must match.</li><li>▪ If the shipment is composed of two or more containers these must be sent under the same OBL, because partial customs clearance is not permitted.</li><li>▪ All shipments are inspected by anti-narcotics police at the airport/ port during the customs process. Only diplomatic shipments are exempt from this inspection.</li><li>▪ All artwork requires an export permit, which must be obtained from the Ministry of Culture.</li></ul>

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Unaccompanied Baggage of Foreign and Colombian Citizens - Non Diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notarized copy of ID</li> <li>▪ Notarized copy main page of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)</li> <li>▪ Notarized powers of attorney and forms</li> <li>▪ Copy of air ticket or electronic booking</li> <li>▪ Copy or photo of the last exit stamp of Colombia migration authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Work letter</li> <li>▪ Copy of RUT (if apply)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ According with Colombian regulations this shipment is an extension of your luggage that cannot travel with you.</li> <li>▪ Items that can be included within personal effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clothing</li> <li>• Shoes</li> <li>• Documents</li> <li>• Toys and baby articles</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Items that <i>cannot</i> be included within personal effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Furniture (Except Baby cribs)</li> <li>○ Mattress</li> <li>○ Kitchenware</li> <li>○ Rugs/Carpets</li> <li>○ Crockery/Glassware</li> <li>○ Flammables</li> <li>○ Perishables</li> <li>○ lithium batteries</li> <li>○ Liquor</li> <li>○ Foodstuff</li> <li>○ Tires</li> <li>○ Spare parts</li> <li>○ Firearms -weapons</li> <li>○ Pornographic material</li> <li>○ Perishable items.</li> <li>○ Protected species and products or plants of any kind.</li> <li>○ Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels / Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.</li> <li>○ Drone Toys.</li> <li>○ Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On air shipments, lithium batteries are restricted (rechargeable) as these are considered dangerous goods for Air Transportation according to IATA, 5 items of this kind can be included, if you want to include more, the batteries must be sent on the Sea shipment. Also, pressurized sprays items or BBQ tanks, as well.</li> <li>▪ People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export personal effects.</li> <li>▪ All shipments are inspected by anti-narcotics police at the airport/ port during the customs process. Only diplomatic shipments are exempt from this inspection.</li> </ul>

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Household goods of Foreign and Colombian Citizens - Non Diplomats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notarized copy of ID</li> <li>Notarized copy of all used pages of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)</li> <li>Notarized powers of attorney</li> <li>Copy of air ticket or electronic booking</li> <li>Last stamp of emigration from Colombia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination</li> </ul> </li> <li>Copy of RUT (if apply)</li> <li>Work letter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is the set of furniture, appliances, clothing, linen, equipment, and other accessories of normal use in a home, customs don't consider Comercial quantities allowed to be included in your household good shipment.</li> <li>There are some prohibitions or restrictions on what can be consider as a household items as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PROHIBITED ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pornographic material</li> <li>Perishable items.</li> <li>Protected species and products or plants of any kind.</li> <li>Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels / Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.</li> <li>Drone Toys.</li> <li>Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions you should take with you and the prescription.</li> <li>Value items, collections, or money in cash.</li> <li>Pre-Colombian ceramics</li> <li>Art Paintings considered national interest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RESTRICTED ITEMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food, Alcohol or spices products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be aware, shipments leaving Colombia will be inspected by narcotic police, so they have the authority to open any bag/content/bottle.</li> </ul> </li> <li>We strongly suggest <u>not</u> sending these items or if you must we strongly suggest only a small quantity 1-2 boxes maximum in total.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cleaning products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The same rule applies (see above – food product)</li> <li>Maximum 1 box of these items are allowed (washing powder, cleaning towels, soap bars) to pack.</li> <li>We strongly suggest <u>not</u> to pack open items, liquids, corrosive items, acid or flammable cleaners or liquids.</li> </ul> </li> <li>People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export household goods.</li> <li>No commercial quantities are allowed.</li> <li>If Colombian citizens wants to return to Colombia less than two years of living abroad, they should make “re-importation” attaching export household documents only if they exported when they left Colombia. “Re- importation” process: the items to import must be the same items exported from Colombia, the weight, volume and packages number must match.</li> <li>If the shipment is composed of two or more containers these must be sent under the same OBL, because partial customs clearance is not permitted.</li> </ul>

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<b>Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Notarized copy of ID</li> <li>▪ Notarized copy of all used pages of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)</li> <li>▪ Notarized powers of attorney</li> <li>▪ Copy of air ticket or electronic booking</li> <li>▪ Last stamp of emigration from Colombia, it must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination</li> <li>▪ RUT</li> <li>▪ Import Declaration and Bill of landing in case the vehicle was imported.</li> <li>▪ Purchase Invoice or contract of sale</li> <li>▪ Property card / ID</li> <li>▪ Register before DIJIN (Colombian Authority)</li> <li>▪ Vehicle chassis number imprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The car must have all the taxes paid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The car must be in perfect conditions, without mechanical, electrical or battery problems, must be delivered with few gas, less than a quarter of a tank.</li> <li>▪ The client must begin the cancellation of plates process before leaving the country.</li> </ul>
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health certificate no more than 5 days for the day of the trip</li> <li>▪ Updated immunization record.</li> <li>▪ 15-digit microchip for animals under 1 year old</li> <li>▪ Internal and external deworming within 5 days before the day of travel.</li> <li>▪ Those that are available depending on the destination.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If the pet travels as an accompanied baggage, the owner must proceed with customs export formalities</li> <li>▪ The customs clearance is possible only weekdays</li> <li>▪ Special permit to be paid, called "PERMISO ZOOSANITARIO" costing 30 – 35 US\$ approx. to be paid in Colombian Pesos.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Healthy certificate must certify that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the animal is free of infectious and parasitic diseases,</li> <li>▪ the animal has no presence of fresh wounds or healing process,</li> <li>▪ the animal has a current vaccination plan,</li> <li>▪ the animal received an internal/external parasitic treatment within 30 days prior to arrival</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ pet identification, species, breed, sex, age, coat color and deworming date.</li> </ul>



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