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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal Goods - Returning Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Original Bill of Lading or Original Air Waybill. ▪ Original inventory in Spanish. ▪ Valued inventory in Spanish. ▪ RTN – Registro Tributario Nacional. ▪ Dispensa / franchise (official tax exoneration) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RTN is the National Tributary Register number given to any person who requests the importation of goods into the country. This process takes no more than 24 hours and is a must for customs clearance. ▪ The importation of used household goods is duty free only for Honduras returned citizen after one year abroad. ▪ CIF: Cost, Insurance and freight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send documents prior to shipment arrival. ▪ Inventory translation to Spanish has a US\$100.00 charge. ▪ Upon arrival of owner, a dispensa/franchise should be requested through a lawyer before the corresponding authorities. ▪ Special dispensa/franchise are given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ returning Honduran citizens after one year abroad (only HHGS). ▪ Retirees and pensioners are entitled to exemption for household goods and vehicles. ▪ The dispensa/franchise must be obtained before arrival of the shipment. ▪ The origin agent must wait for the local agent's green light to ship.
Diplomats removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Original Bill of Lading or Original Air Waybill. ▪ Original inventory in Spanish. ▪ Valued inventory in Spanish. ▪ RTN – Registro Tributario Nacional. ▪ Dispensa / franchise (official tax exoneration). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official franchises are given to Diplomats and International Mission employees and the RTN must be requested upon arrival of client to Honduras. ▪ Demurrage and storage charges at port are not exempted. ▪ The process to obtain official franchise is similar to the one for returning citizens.

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Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original invoices and copies. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to taxes payment. ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	
New furniture and household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only diplomats and international missions may import these goods tax-free. ▪ It needs to mention the material (if it's made of wood or aluminium/metal). 	
New articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to taxes payment ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	
Household appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	
Electrical appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to taxes payment. ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. ▪ A specific electronic item list is necessary, model, series or reference, code, type, color, feet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stove: State if it is electric or gas, size on inches, material. ▪ Refrigerator: Length in cubic feet, numbers of doors, frost. Subject to UTOH permit. ▪ Washing machine: Capacity of pounds or kgs, function wash and dry, ecological ▪ Clothes dryer: Capacity of pounds or kgs, ecological, digital ▪ Television: Size inches, LCD, plasma, LED, HD ▪ Blender: Domestic or industrial, velocity numbers, material (glass, plastic or stainless steel) capacity of litres.
Presents, Souvenirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to taxes payment. ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	

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Works of Art, Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as above 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original purchase invoice. Original Title of Property listing vehicle's characteristics. Original Bill of Lading. RTN. Dispensa (franchise) only for Diplomats, International Missions employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to taxes payment. Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. Original Bill of Lading must state all vehicle's characteristics: make, serial number, type of vehicle, chassis number, engine number, type of fuel, VIN, color, brand, model, year, CC, number of seats. If not stated, a fine will be charged. Automobiles may not be more than ten (10) years old. 	
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWB or Original Bill of Lading. Original purchase invoices w/ copies. Original Title of Property. RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to taxes payment. Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	
Machine appliances, spare parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as above 	
Alcohol, wine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWB or Original Bill of Lading. Valid passport. RTN. Detailed inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to taxes payment Customs' system requires specifying some information per item: brand, reference or code, type (whisky, rum, wine, etc), presentation (unity and contents) in millilitre, litres / ounce, etc., degree of alcohol, degree of age, value. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diplomats may include some bottles but local embassy in Honduras must authorize this as this represents extra paperwork for the embassy. Special permits are required by Customs. It is highly recommended not to include alcohol/wines in the shipment as that delays the customs clearance process and special permits are required.

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Tins and Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to SEPA and ARSA permits. ▪ Subject to taxes payment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats may include some food but local embassy in Honduras must authorize this as this represents extra paperwork for the embassy. Special permits are required by Customs. ▪ It is highly recommended not to include food in the shipment as that delays the customs clearance process and special permits are required.
Medicines, narcotics, drugs, carpets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicines are duty free. ▪ Narcotics and drugs: must consult before importation.
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phytosanitary permit from origin country. ▪ Complete vaccination record. ▪ Original of the airway bill. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to taxes payment. ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	
Sporting firearms and ammunition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices. ▪ RTN. ▪ Secretary of Defence Permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary of Defence permit must be requested prior to importation of firearms and ammunition. 	
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Honduras Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods. 	

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<p>General remark</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is recommended to mail all necessary instructions and documentation well in advance and prior to shipment of goods to secure rapid customs clearance, avoiding high demurrage and storage charges. ▪ Dispensa process may take approximately 15-20 working days ▪ Demurrage and storage charges at port are not exempted. ▪ Customs systems requires specifying some information per item, so customer must specify the information on the packing list. It does not allow items such as “kitchen items” “office items” article must be named on the packing list. ▪ Used clothes to dress: general characteristics weight in pounds, quality, (to differentiate between ▪ Clothes to dress and bedsheet, table linen, curtain, etc.: must mention amount per pieces per box (example: 5 men shirts, 5 women shoes, 3 men pants, etc) ▪ Used shoes: juvenile, for lady, man, child girl or boy, material (leather, synthetic, textile, etc). Must mention amount per pieces per box (example: 5 men shoes, 5 women shoes, etc). ▪ All Demurrage, Port Storage Charges and/or fines must be paid in advance before delivery of the goods. ▪ UTOH : Unidad Técnica de Ozono de Honduras
<p>Prohibited articles</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons ▪ Gun powder ▪ Jewellery ▪ Drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation prohibited.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toxic waste ▪ Pornography ▪ Refrigerators or similar with gas type R-11, R-12, R-502, R-22. 	



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