

ARGENTINA

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Removal goods - Argentine Citizens Returning

Documents Required

- Complete copies of passport including blank pages.
- Certified by public notary and legalized by the Argentine Public Notaries Association.
- Complete copies of Argentine ID (DNI).
- Certified by public notary and legalized by Argentine Public Notaries Association.
- Certificate of Migratory Movements
- Must indicate the entries and departures of the shipper for the previous 24 months.
- Clave Única de Identificación Labora Certificate.I (CUIL) / Argentine TAX ID.
- Residence Certificate Issued by the Argentine Consulate at origin, certified in Argentina by the MFA.
- Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.
- Typed packing list in Spanish.
- Must be detailed inventory. Handwritten lists are not accepted.
- Argentine ID (DNI) updated and with current address in Argentina.
- Migrations Certificate: can be obtained at <https://www.migraciones.gov.ar/transitos/>
- Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified by public notary and legalized.
- The moving company can provide the form locally.
- Import permit for artwork
- Declaration of all pieces in a special form (ask your agent for the model) + submit photographs of each piece to file a declaration online at the "Secretaría de Cultura" prior to file for customs clearance.

Customs Prescriptions

- Full contact details (phone, e-mail and address of delivery) to be provided.
- Documents must be received by the agent at least 7 days prior to the arrival of the shipment at port/airport.
- Shipper should be in Argentina at the time of shipment arrival.
- The origin of the move must be the last place of residence of the shipper.
- Shipments must arrive within 6 months of date of entry of the shipper.
- Date must be stamped on shipper's passport.
- Shipments of foreigners holding a Tourist Visa cannot be imported.
- All shipments are subject to physical inspection except the diplomats which can only be inspected as per a special Customs requirement.
- Customs may require shipper to be present for physical inspection of cargo.
- If the shipper has lived abroad for more than 1 year and has not re-entered Argentina for more than 60 accumulative days during the 12 months prior to re-entry, the shipment can be imported duty free; the shipper can import only one shipment duty free every 3 years (just for Argentine and foreign citizens holding a Permanent Visa).

- If customer has been living abroad for more than 2 years, the shipment can be imported duty free. Customs will not consider how many days the customer has accumulated in Argentina during the 12 months prior to reentry; the shipper can import only one shipment duty free every 7 years (just for Argentine and foreign citizens holding a Permanent Visa).
- Diplomats must present a full copy of the passport stamped by the Diplomatic Mission or the official foreign organization where the shipper is employed.
- If the shipper's passport was issued within 1 year, a previous passport must be presented; for citizenship in multiple countries, all passports must be presented.
- The Diplomatic Franchise must be provided by the Diplomatic Mission or the Official Foreign Organization where the shipper is officially employed.
- All documents not written in Spanish must be translated by an official translator and certified by the Colegio Argentino de Traductores.
- For foreign diplomats, the importation of alcohol is allowed up to the annual limit imposed by the MFA and the Embassy or Representation's own limit.

Remarks

- Customs is imposing since mid-2016 additional intensive controls for all import and export moves. Consequently, inspections with anti-narcotics dog teams have become mandatory for all shipments. Clearance depends on the availability of these dog brigades.
- Argentine MFA link where you can get the details of Argentine representations abroad: <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/representaciones>
- Physical Inspection handling charges will apply for all private shipments arriving by Sea or by Land (Not applied for Diplomats).
- Estimated charges as follows:
 - LCL: USD 600
 - 20FT: USD 800
 - 40FT: USD 1000
 - 40HC: USD 1200
- Foreigners with a Temporary Resident Visa must import the move under temporary admission, as follows:
 - The items must be guaranteed (bonded) for the duration of the visa or a period determined by Customs when the shipment is released; the Bond and the
 - temporary admission must be renewed before the expiration date.
 - The goods must be guaranteed by a local insurance company through a Póliza de Caución (Insurance bond).
 - If at the expiration date of the Guarantee the visa has not been renewed, the goods must be re-exported before the expiration date of the Guarantee and the visa. If a Permanent Residence Visa has been obtained, the goods must be nationalized the Guarantee will be cancelled without paying taxes or duties.
- The Bond system is applicable for all moves arriving by sea, land or air.

Foreigners holding temporary visa (except tourist one)

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- Complete copies of passport including blank pages.
- Certified by public notary and legalized by the Argentine Public Notaries Association.
- Complete copies of Argentine ID (DNI) or Visa or Residencia Precaria (temporary visa)
- copy (if DNI is unavailable).
- Certificate of Migratory Movements.
- Must indicate the entries and departures of the shipper for the previous 24 months.
- Clave Única de Identificación Labora Certificate (CUIL)/ Argentine Tax ID.
- Insurance bond issued by a local insurance company.
- Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.

- Typed packing list in Spanish. Handwritten lists are not accepted.
- Migrations Certificate. Can be obtained at: <https://www.migraciones.gov.ar/transitos/>
- Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified and legalized.
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Diplomats

Documents Required

- Diplomatic Franchise from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Diplomats and military personnel).
- Full copy of passport.
- Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.
- Typed packing list in Spanish. Must be detailed inventory. Handwritten lists are not accepted.
- Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified and legalized.
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Restricted / Dutiable items

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- Archaeological or paleontological patrimony (fossils, human remains, collections and sediment geological, etc.).
- Once admitted to the country, its export will not be permitted.
- Works of art and monuments of recent antiquity (authorization is required).
- Wood must be treated specifically for pests.
- Weapons.
- Must be declared and authorized by the Registro Nacional de Armas (RENAR).
- Items considered for commercial purposes (determined through quantity, quality or type).

Prohibited items

Customs Prescriptions

- Items compromising public, animal and agricultural health.
- Organic products (soil, firewood, wood, animal parts, dried insects ...).
- Narcotics or illegal drugs.
- Pornographic material of any kind.
- Dangerous, toxic or flammable items.
- Stolen or smuggled items.
- Currency (actual or counterfeit).
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Food.
- Spare parts or parts of any vehicle.
- Items that contain an internal – combustion or outboard engines.
- Hover boards.
- Items that are not considered as part of a move for Argentine Customs.