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Foreign and Colombian Citizens – Non Diplomats

Documents Required

- Notarized copy of ID
- Notarized copy main page of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)
- Notarized powers of attorney
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Copy of the passport page showing the exit stamp (biometric exit is not recommended, as it does not provide a record)
- Copy of RUT (if apply)
- Employment or certification letter
- Please note that customs authorities require physical original documents; scanned copies are not accepted.

Customs Prescriptions

- Partial customs clearance is not permitted, and it must be done at airport or port of departure
- Time limit for departure of household goods is 30 calendar days before or 120 calendar days after departure of owner
- PROHIBITED ITEMS
 - Liquor
 - Liquids
 - Foodstuff / Perishable items
 - Sprays
 - Tires
 - Spare parts
 - Firearms -weapons
 - Pornographic material
 - Protected species and products or plants of any kind.
 - Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions, you should take with you the prescription.
 - lithium battery (air shipment)
 - Value items, collections, or money in cash.
 - Pre-Colombian ceramics
 - Art Paintings considered national interest.
 - As per the shipping line's policy,
 - lithium batteries are highly restricted. The cargo must be declared as hazardous. The lithium battery must be packed in special certified packaging.

Remarks

- People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export household goods.
- No commercial quantities are allowed.

- If the shipment is composed of two or more containers these must be sent under the same OBL, because partial export formalities are not permitted.
- For original art painting and lithography, the export authorization of the Ministry of Culture will be requested.
- The customs process for air shipments takes approximately 3 days, while for sea shipments it takes around 8 days. Customs clearance takes place once the container or air shipment (air van) is positioned at the port or airport prior to departure.
- Please note that all shipments departing from Colombia are subject to inspection by the anti-narcotics police at the airport or port during the customs process.
- Only diplomatic shipments are exempt from this inspection.

Unaccompanied Baggage of Foreign and Colombian Citizens - Non-Diplomats

Documents Required

- Notarized copy of ID
- Notarized copy main page of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)
- Notarized powers of attorney
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Last stamp of emigration from Colombia
- It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination
- Copy of the passport page showing the exit stamp (biometric exit is not recommended, as it does not provide a record)
- Copy of RUT (if apply)
- Employment or certification letter
- Please note that customs authorities require physical original documents; scanned copies are not accepted.

Customs Prescriptions

- According with Colombian regulations this shipment is an extension of your luggage that cannot travel with you.
- Items that can be included within personal effects:
 - Clothing
 - Shoes
 - Documents
 - Toys and baby articles
 - Articles of first necessity.
- Items that cannot be included within the UAB
 - Furniture (except Baby cribs)
 - Mattress
 - Kitchenware
 - Rugs/Carpets
 - Crockery/Glassware
 - Flammables
 - Sprays
 - lithium batteries
 - Liquor
 - Liquids
 - Foodstuff / Perishable items.
 - Tires
 - Spare parts
 - Firearms - weapons
 - Pornographic material
 - Protected species and products or plants of any kind
 - Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels /
- Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.
- Drone Toys.
- Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions, you should take these with you together with the prescription.
- Value items, collections, or money in cash
- Pre-Colombian ceramics
- Art Paintings considered national interest
- pressurized sprays
- BBQ tanks
- Partial export formalities are not permitted, and it must be done at airport or port of departure.
- Time limit for departure of personal effects is 30 calendar days before or 90 calendar days after departure of owner.
- As per the shipping line's policy, lithium batteries are highly restricted. The cargo must be declared as hazardous. The lithium battery must be packed in special certified packaging.

Remarks

- 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.
- People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export personal effects.
- The customs process for air shipments takes approximately 3 days, while for sea shipments it takes around 8 days. Customs clearance takes place once the container or air shipment (air van) is positioned at the port or airport prior to departure.
- Please note that all shipments departing from Colombia are subject to inspection by the anti-narcotics police at the airport or port during the customs process.
- Only diplomatic shipments are exempt from this inspection.

Foreign Diplomats

Documents Required

- Photocopy of diplomatic passport with seal of the Embassy valid.
- Diplomatic ID (accreditation)
- It is necessary to obtain the power attorney and customer's documents (originals) before the shipment departure to avoid extra charges.
- These documents must be printed on Embassy stationery with a stamp.
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Last stamp of emigration from Colombia
- It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination.
- End Mission letter

Customs Prescriptions

- Prohibited items:
 - Liquor
 - Liquids
 - Foodstuff / perishable items
 - Pornographic material
 - Perishable items.
 - Protected species and products or plants of any kind.
- Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels / Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.
- Drone Toys.
- Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions, you should take these with you together with the prescription.
- Value items, collections, or money in cash.
- Pre-Colombian ceramics
- Art Paintings considered national interest.
- If you have questions, please contact your local agent in Colombia.

Remarks

- People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export household goods.
- No commercial quantities are allowed.
- If the shipment is composed of two or more containers, these must be sent under the same OBL, because partial export formalities are not permitted.

Unaccompanied Baggage of Foreign Diplomats

Documents Required

- Colombian Visa (if apply)
- Photocopy of diplomatic passport with seal of the Embassy valid.
- Diplomatic ID (accreditation)
- It is necessary to obtain the power attorney and customer's documents (originals) before the shipment departure to avoid extra charges.
- These documents must be printed on Embassy stationery with a stamp.
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Last stamp of emigration from Colombia
- It must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination.

Customs Prescriptions

- According with Colombian regulations this shipment is an extension of your luggage that cannot travel with you. Items that can be included within personal effects:
- Clothing
- Shoes
- Documents
- Toys and baby articles
- Articles of first necessity.
- Items that cannot be included (within the UAB):
 - o Furniture (Except Baby cribs)
 - o Mattress
 - o Kitchenware
 - o Rugs/Carpets
 - o Crockery/Glassware
 - o Flammables
 - o Sprays
 - o lithium batteries
 - o Liquor
 - o Liquids
 - o Foodstuff / Perishable items.
 - o Tires
 - o Spare parts
 - o Firearms -weapons
 - o Pornographic material
 - o Protected species and products or plants of any kind.
 - o Cars / Motorbikes / Vessels / Toys by fuel are not considered part of a move. These should be sent separately if the proper documents are available.
 - o Drone Toys
 - o Tobacco/ Narcotics even for personal use are not allowed. If for medical conditions, you should take these with you together with the prescription.
 - o Value items, collections, or money in cash
 - o Pre-Colombian ceramics
 - o Art Paintings considered national interest
 - o pressurized sprays
 - o BBQ tanks
- Partial export formalities are not permitted, and it must be done at
- airport or port of departure
- Time limit for departure of personal effects is 30 calendar days before or 90 calendar days after departure of owner.

Remarks

- 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. The same applies for pressurized sprays items or BBQ tanks.
- People less than 18 years old are not allowed to export personal effects.

Vehicles of Foreign and Colombian Citizens

Documents Required

- Notarized copy of ID
- Notarized copy of the main pages of passport including Colombian visa (if apply)
- Notarized powers of attorney
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Last stamp of emigration from Colombia, it must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination
- RUT
- Import Declaration and Bill of landing in case the vehicle was imported.
- Purchase Invoice or contract of sale

- Property card / ID
- Vehicle chassis number imprint
- It's necessary to obtain the power attorney and customer's documents (originals) before the shipment departure to avoid extra charges. These documents must be notarized.

Customs Prescriptions

- The car must have all the taxes paid.

Remarks

- The car must be in perfect condition, without mechanical, electrical or battery problems, must be delivered with few gas, less than a quarter of a tank.
- The client must begin the cancellation of the plates process before leaving the country.

Vehicles of Foreign Diplomats

Documents Required

- Colombian Visa (if apply)
- Photocopy of diplomatic passport with seal of the Embassy valid.
- Diplomatic ID (accreditation)
- Notarized powers of attorney
- Copy of air ticket or electronic booking
- Last stamp of emigration from Colombia, it must be sent by mail when client has arrived at destination
- Import Declaration and Bill of landing in case the vehicle was imported.
- Purchase Invoice or contract of sale
- Property card / ID
- Obtain the export authorization from DIJIN (Colombian Authority) if the vehicle has normal plates.
- Vehicle chassis number imprint
- It's necessary to obtain the power attorney and customer's documents (originals) before the shipment departure to avoid extra charges. These documents must be printed on Embassy stationery with a stamp.

Customs Prescriptions

- The car must have all the taxes paid.

Remarks

- The car must be in perfect condition, without mechanical, electrical or battery problems, must be delivered with few gas, less than a quarter of a tank.
- The client must begin the cancellation of the plates process before leaving the country.