

This guide is compiled from the FIDI Customs Guide for reference only. Customs regulations change frequently; please consult your Seapoe relocation consultant for the latest requirements before shipping.

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Removal Goods

Documents Required

- Original or copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Packing List or inventory.
- Detailed packing list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

Diplomats Removals

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) and diplomatic ID.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte"
- Packing List or inventory.
- Detailed packing list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics.

Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free departure.

Wedding trousseaux

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

New Furniture and Household Goods

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

Works of Art & Antiques (More than 100 years)

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

Wooden goods (furniture, ornaments)

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of Agriculture. Needed only for wooden crates.
- Wooden ornaments and hangers are not allowed.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.

Wine, Alcohol

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to taxes payment.
- Prohibited for air and LCL shipments.
- For FCL shipments, a maximum of 5 litres is permitted.

Tins and Food

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.

Arms, ammunitions, dangerous objects

Customs Prescriptions

- Importation prohibited.

Medicines, narcotics, drugs, soaps, perfumes, shampoo, creams, cosmetics, and other personal hygiene articles

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.

Plants

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of Agriculture.

Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.
- Subject to permits from the Ministry of PROCOMER.

Domestic pets (Cats and Dogs)

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original A.W.B.
- Subject to mandatory quarantine.
- Subject to permits from the National Animal Health Service.
- Health Certificate.
- Up to date vaccination cards.
- Invoice or affidavit indicating animal's value and characteristics.
- Exportation veterinary health certificate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of taxes.

Remarks

- Documentation required before animal's arrival.

Pornographic material, subversive material, drugs, item not being part of the normal household

Documents Required

- Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.
- Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".
- Original commercial invoices.

Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to payment of taxes.