

ECUADOR

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Returning Ecuadorians (non-diplomats)

Documents Required

- Household Goods
- Color copy of the importer's citizenship card. current marital status must be visible.
- Color copy of the importer's passport.
- Color copy of the importer's granted visa issued by the competent migration authority or other document that accredits the importer's migratory condition.
- Color copy of the importer's voting certificate.
- Address where the importer plans to reside.
- Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador. The bill should be of last 3 months prior to the merchandise release.
- Color copy of the Ecuadorian passports belonging to the importer's family group.
- Returning migrant Certificate:
- Sworn statement.
- Migratory movements
- 3 documents from origin that certify the importer's stay abroad. Work Equipment
- Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.
- Used Motor vehicles
- Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle
- Title of ownership
- Registration
- License number or equivalent document issued in origin.
- Customs export declaration number
- Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin. New Motor vehicles
- Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle
- Title of ownership
- Vehicle subcategory code
- Payment receipt
- Apostilled certificate issued by the dealer.
- Human mobility certificate
- Customs export declaration number
- Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.

Customs Prescriptions

- Benefit of tax exemption from import duties on household goods: Eligibility to the benefit
- Returning Migrant Certificate
- Exemption of taxes benefit must be requested up to a maximum of 5 years after arrival with intention of residing in Ecuador. Conditions
- Have stayed abroad for more than 2 years.
- Have not stayed more than 180 days in Ecuador, within the two years prior to the client's

return. Limits for 2nd time imports

- Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.
- Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art, or trade of the importer.
- "Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.
- The car or motorcycle will only be considered when shipped under the same Bill of Lading of the household goods.
- People who left the country for study reasons will not be able to enter a car, only a motorcycle.
- Vehicle imports should not exceed 80 Basic salaries:
 - USD \$470 basic salary
 - 80 = USD \$37,600
- Motorcycle imports should not exceed 25 basic salaries:
 - USD \$470 basic salary
 - 25 = USD \$11,750
- In the case of exceeding (vehicles and motorcycles) up to 10 additional basic salaries to those allowed, 100% taxes will be paid on the exceeded amount.
 - USD \$470 basic salary
 - 10 = USD \$4,700 exceeded amount.
- In case of a used motor vehicle: car/motorcycle acquisition's price will be determined by the following criteria:
 - Market price of the model's release date (Market price of the model's release date
 - Yearly depreciation percentage).
 - Yearly depreciation percentage to be referred to Art. 23.

Remarks

- Eligible items
- Eligible goods can be new or used as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.
- Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.
- Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.
- All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes. Identification of goods
- Packages / items must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.
- Clothing must be packed separately.
- A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed.
- Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:
 - USD \$470 Basic salary
 - 160 = USD \$75,200
- Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.
- Used Motor vehicles
- Commercial invoice and title of ownership:
 - Can come under the name of the migrant or a member of their family unit.
- Emission date should be before the importer's arrival New Motor vehicles
- Vehicle subcategory code
- Should be issued in Ecuador by the SRI.
- Certificate issued by the car dealership should include:
 - Vehicle's general and technical specs.

- Vehicles net value, discounts should be indicated.

Foreigners

Documents Required

- Household Goods
- Color copy of the importer's passport as well as the passports of its family members.
- Color copy of the importer and its family's import visa.
- Original certificate of migratory movements of both the importer and its family members.
- Documents that justify the visa granted; (either a work contract or an assignment letter).
- Address where the importer plans to reside.
- Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador.
- The bills should be of last 3 months prior to the shipment release.
- Detailed inventory of the importing goods. Work Equipment
- Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included. Vehicles
- Foreign citizens would not be able to import cars or motorcycles as part of their Household Goods.

Customs Prescriptions

- Tax exemption access
- Must have a permanent or temporal Visa for a minimum of 2 years.
- Shipments that arrive up to 1 month before and 6 months after entering Ecuador may be considered as household goods. Limits for 2nd time imports
- Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.
- Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art or trade of the importer.
- "Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.

Remarks

- Importer's visa
- In case of not having the visa, the importer can present a specific guarantee : banking, cash, or insurance policy that has a validity of 180 working days and is equivalent to 120% on the eventual taxes. Eligible items
- Eligible goods can be new or used, as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.
- Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.
- Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.
- All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes. Identification of goods
- Packages / suitcases must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.
- Clothing must be packed separately. A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed.
- Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:
- USD \$470 basic salary
- 160 = USD
- \$75,200
- Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.

Diplomats

Documents Required

- Household Goods
- Color copy of the importer's passport/ ID Card
- Inventory of legalized goods.
- Note Verbale issued by the Foreign Ministry for household goods and motor vehicles.
- Release agreements issued by Customs for household goods and motor vehicles.
- Diplomatic franchise Vehicles
- Legalized vehicle's invoice and license number.
- Vehicle subcategory code
- To be issued at the SRI.
- Original invoice or a notarized copy in the name of the importer and the Vehicle's value.
- Title of ownership.
- Diplomatic franchise.
- Whether new or used, the following supporting documents must be attached to the custom declaration:
 - The number of the export customs declaration, and the value of the vehicle registered, corresponding to the country of departure of the merchandise.
 - Certificate from the dealer or commercial company, which certifies the value of the vehicle with which it went on the market.

Customs Prescriptions

- Document legalization
- Ecuadorian Diplomats: documentation must be legalized in the Consulate or Embassy from where the shipment comes.
- Foreign Diplomats: documentation sealed by the diplomatic entity where the official comes to provide its services.

Remarks

- Copy of the passport applies for foreign diplomats and ID card for Ecuadorians with diplomatic status.
- Ecuadorian diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the MOFA.
- Foreign diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the accredited organism.

Wooden crates fumigation - Import/Export

Customs Prescriptions

- Ecuador adopted the Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging in International Trade (NIMF-15) to standardize the treatment of wood packaging used for the transport of goods.