

PANAMA

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Removal Goods – HHG/PE

Documents Required

- Copy of passport, of page where photo and personal details appear.
- Export shipments to Mexico require a Household goods certificate issue by the Mexican Embassy in Panama, apply to Returning Mexicans and Permanent residents, ONLY temporary residents' shipments entering through Manzanillo Port will also require the HHGDs certificate.

Customs Prescriptions

- Packing inventory in Spanish
- Commercial invoice
- Temporary residents' household goods shipments to Mexico entering through Veracruz Port and Mexican Airports are exempted of submitting the HHGDs certificate.

Remarks

- Export permit takes 3-4 working days.
- HHGDs certificate must be requested by the client before leaving the country, must submit the final inventory list provided.
- Client must ask for the appointment at the Mexican Embassy for getting the certificate and must be done after packing is over.

Vehicles (regular and diplomatic)

Documents Required

- Original of the title of the vehicle (Registro Vehicular).
- Original document of last revised of the vehicle (Último revisado).
- Copy of the Panamanian Import customs declaration of the vehicle (If you have it) (Liquidación de importación rosada de aduana).
- Copy of the insurance policy of the vehicle.
- Should be valid until the dispatch of the shipment.
- Copy of the commercial invoice of the vehicle.
- This is needed in absence of the import customs declaration.
- A notarized copy (black & white, not in color) of the personal document mentioned in the title of the vehicle (Passport or Panamanian ID) of the owner of the vehicle.
- Last Plate Receipt.
- The plate must be paid.
- Copy of receipt of payment.
- Original certification of the Motor No. of the vehicle.
- This is really recommended because when physical inspection will be done to the vehicle and the number of the motor is not physically showed, the inspector will request an original certification of the motor by a car workshop.

- Picture of motor number.
- Original Power letters
- These will be provided by the removal agent.
- Letters should be filled in computer, without the lines on the template and dated near the sailing date. The ID Number that must be on the letters is the ID that is mentioned on the Title of the Vehicle.
- Original Export Permit (Permiso de Reexportación) stamped by the custom central office – only for diplomatic vehicles.

Customs Prescriptions

- The whole export process is very detailed and exhaustive since different procedures should be done at different government offices, all vehicle information, owner, id number, motor number should be the same in all paperwork and custom system, if not, corrections will have to be done in customs system, and extra charges will apply.
- The original documents are required at least 14 working days before desired sailing, first scanned by email so the broker can check them and then originals and vehicle at least one week before sailing.
- 7 days before sailing vehicle will be inspected by the DIJ office to check if actual motor number is the same as mentioned on the paperwork.

Remarks

- Once you deliver the vehicle to the removal
- company, note that the gasoline must be on ¼ or less.
- For diplomatic vehicles, the process is longer, as the diplomatic office should provide first the Export Permit (Permiso de Reexportación) stamped by the custom central office.

Prohibited Items

Documents Required

- Liquid fuel
- Explosives
- Archeologic items
- Fossils
- Compressed gas
- Matches
- Spray cans
- Poison
- Electronic cigarettes, cigars, electronic pipes and hookahs, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems

Customs Prescriptions

- Firearms, ammunitions, and weapons.
- Pharmaceuticals and medicine.
- Any kind of food.
- Psychotropic drugs.
- Toxic waste.
- Fertilizer.
- Flammable, chemical products
- Plants.
- Seeds
- Printer cartridges

Remarks

- Corrosives, lithium batteries, hoverboards are prohibited in air shipments.
- Lithium batteries should be removed from
- the device in case of laptops, tablets we recommend to the client to take these with him/her.
- Need authorization from destination agent.
- Inflatable elements must be without air (balls, inflatable mattresses)
- Knee defender prohibited in air shipments
- Candles