

URUGUAY

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Household goods/Personal effects

Documents Required

- Certificate of residence issued by the nearest police precinct.
- To obtain that certificate, the customer himself must go personally to the closer police station, and submit any invoice of home services such as electricity, water, TV cable, etc. which confirm his address in Uruguay.
- This certificate must clearly show customer's address, date of issue and name of shipper. It must be dated earlier than 90 calendar days before customs proceedings.
- Copy of Uruguayan ID
- Passport
- Packing list

Customs Prescriptions

- Export proceedings may take 3 to 5 working days, depending on customer immigration status.

Household goods/Personal effects – Foreign diplomats

Documents Required

- Diplomats both local and foreign, must get a duty exempt franchise issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Packing list
- Customs forms (via the local agent)

Household goods and removals effects – for customers who still haven't cancelled a bond submitted to customs

Documents Required

- Certificate of residence issued by the nearest police precinct.
- Copy of Uruguayan ID
- Packing list.
- If bond not yet cancelled, shipper must export the exact amount of goods he imported. Otherwise, bond will be taken by customs for their peculium.

Other Vehicles (moto, water vehicle)

Remarks

- Depending on characteristics of vehicle.

Wedding trousseau

Documents Required

- Same as for regular exports.

Inheritance

Documents Required

- Same as for regular exports

New furniture and household goods

Documents Required

- Same as for regular exports

Remarks

- Consult your local agent

Works of Art & Antiques

Documents Required

- Authorization from Ministry of Culture for exporting of goods.

Precious metal objects (jewellery, coins)

Customs Prescriptions

- Not permitted

Wine, Alcohol

Remarks

- Needs to be checked with the airline in case air shipment.
- Contact your local agent

Machines, appliances, spare parts

Customs Prescriptions

- Only if household appliances

Tins and food

Customs Prescriptions

- Can be imported if part of household removal and if the quantities are reasonable.

Remarks

- It is recommended to check with the destination agent before shipping (quantity/type of food).

Prohibited Items

Documents Required

- Only sport guns are allowed to be imported, requiring a certificate from the Ministry of Defence

Customs Prescriptions

- Firearms (unless considered sport guns), ammunition
- Medicines, narcotics and drugs
- Live plants
- Pornographic material, subversive material
- Used vehicles of all types including motorcycles
- Any other items that should not be considered part of a household goods removals (like new electrical appliances, industrial tools, machinery etc.)
- Construction supplies
- Vehicle accessories

Firearms and sport guns

Customs Prescriptions

- Must have been registered at the Ministry of Defence.

Cats and Dogs

Documents Required

- Certificate of anti hydrofolic inoculation:
- At least 30 days old but less than one year old.
- The certificate itself must be less than 10 working days old when the animal arrives in the country.
- Health and vaccination certificate legalised by Uruguayan Consulate.

Remarks

- Many airlines are refusing to ship animals - contact your local agent

Fumigation of imported and exported wooden Crates

Customs Prescriptions

- The Uruguay Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15).
- Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.
- All wood containers (lift vans) that come into Uruguay must be FUMIGATED against plagues and with the control made properly identified.

Remarks

- The requirement is fulfilled by means of a seal in the wood. If the load comes from a non-signatory country of the convention, a sanitary certificate in paper must be done.
- The Treatment to the packing procedures: a) by heat treatment at 56° in the centre of the wood during 30 minutes; or, b) with methyl Bromide (BR).
- Does not apply to: Particle Plywood, boards, pieces smaller than 6mm thickness.
- The woods carried by the trucks (propping, tops, etc.) must be treated (please inform your carriers).
- Seals must be in 2 sides of the pallet of such form that always are visible.
- Containers of Imports "House to House" are going to be verified in the deposit of the client.

- The MGAP, in cases of reiteration of situations of not fulfilling the norm, could reject the entire shipment, not only the packing.
- Signatory countries are Argentine, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay