

Peru

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Documents

Documents required for importing used household goods, personal effects, and related shipments.

For all importers

- Consignee's original passport (must show all entries/departures; see eligibility conditions below)
- Detailed and legible packing list, signed by the consignee and by the packing crew leader at origin (avoid PBO entries; all items must be individually described with brand name and serial numbers for electrical items)
- 2 original OBLs or AWBs, showing the exact net and gross weight, exact number of items matching the packing list, and freight rated (cost shown)
- Notarized Power of Attorney letter addressed to Peruvian Customs
- Photocopies of the passport of all family members (ID page and last Peru entry stamp only)
- Marriage certificate (if family members do not share the same last name)
- Children's birth certificates (if family members do not share the same last name)
- Cohabitation affidavit (if the consignee is not married but has a partner included in the shipment)

Additional for Returning Peruvians (Ley de Reinsercion Economica / Returned Migrants Law, Law No. 30525)

Applies to Peruvians who have lived abroad for at least 3 years.

- Original Returned Migrant Card (obtained at the Peruvian Consulate in the origin country, or at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peru on arrival)
- Copy of valid national identity document (DNI)
- Original Migratory Certificate proving residence abroad
- Valued list (format provided by SUNAT/Customs)
- Sworn Declarations (formats provided by SUNAT/Customs)

For Diplomats

- Original Free Entry Permit issued by the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Detailed packing list (avoid PBO)
- 2 original OBLs or AWBs, freight rated
- Consignee's original passport

Specific Information

Returned Migrants Law (Law No. 30525): Qualifying returning Peruvians may import duty-free: household goods up to USD 50,000; one new or used vehicle (subject to current vehicle regulations, value not exceeding USD 50,000); and equipment, machinery, and instruments for a business or professional activity up to USD 350,000. This benefit is valid for 4 months after obtaining the Returned Migrant Card and may only be used once per person in their lifetime.

Professional goods (machinery, musical or lab equipment) must be on a separate packing list from household goods.

To be eligible for duty-free import under the standard household goods scheme, the consignee must prove they have been living outside Peru for at least 13 consecutive months before their last entry to Peru. This period is not considered interrupted if the consignee made entries to Peru not exceeding 30 consecutive or alternated calendar days during the last year.

The consignee must be present in Peru to initiate and complete the customs process.

Shipments may arrive in Peru no earlier than 1 month before the consignee's first entry into Peru, and no later than 6 months after the consignee's arrival. The OBL or AWB must describe the cargo as "Used household goods and personal effects."

If used household goods and a vehicle are shipped together in the same container, the OBL must clearly describe both, with the weight of each itemized separately.

All household goods shipments are subject to duties and taxes of approximately 12-30%, assessed by the Customs official at physical inspection. Customs assesses value at the time of inspection.

Only household goods previously exported from Peru are admitted duty-free; this must be supported by documentation stamped by Peruvian Customs at the time of original export.

The consignee must not have used the duty-free household goods benefit in the 2 years prior to the current Import Declaration date.

All shipments are inspected by Peruvian Customs, with the exception of foreign diplomat shipments. New furniture arriving in original manufacturer's packaging is not permitted; all items must be repacked by the moving company before shipping.

Documents must be notarized in Peru. Avoid shipping with MSC, as additional handling complications with Peru services have been reported.

Clearance time: sea shipments approximately 10-14 days; air shipments approximately 7 days, provided all documents are received before the shipment arrives.

Prohibited & Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

- Narcotics and illegal drugs (prescription medicines in small quantities with documentation are permitted)
- Pornographic materials
- Automatic firearms
- Explosives
- Plants (not considered household goods; do not include)
- Jewellery and valuable precious metal articles (do not include in household goods shipments)
- Damaged vehicles
- Diesel automobiles
- Automobiles older than 2 years (model year) or with more than 32,000 km

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Wine and alcohol: Non-diplomatic shipments may include wine and other liquors as follows: up to 4 boxes of 12 bottles in a 20-foot container; up to 8 boxes of 12 bottles in a 40-foot container.

Air shipments: confirm limits with the moving company. Duties of 30% on CIF value apply.

Foreign diplomats may not include alcohol in shipments declared as household goods. Peruvian diplomats may include up to 10 boxes.

Food items (tinned and dry goods): Permitted in small quantities as part of a household goods shipment.

Firearms and ammunition: Authorization from the Ministry of Interior is required prior to shipment arrival, along with a current firearm licence and a special Discamec permit obtained by the consignee before goods arrive.

Medicines: Permitted in small quantities; a medical prescription may be requested.

Telecommunications equipment (radios, fax machines, modems, routers, telephones, antennas): Require a special import permit and the original certificate issued by the Ministry of Telecommunications. It is strongly recommended not to include these items in household goods shipments.

Refrigerant gas equipment: See Section 2 for OTO permit requirements. Items detained at customs accrue daily storage fees.

Food items in air shipments: Must not exceed 10% of total net weight.

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air, sea, and road shipments. Do not send the shipment without a green light from the destination removal agent, particularly for diplomatic shipments awaiting franchise approval.

The OBL must be freight rated (show the cost), must state the exact net and gross weight, and must describe the cargo as "Used household goods and personal effects." If a vehicle is co-loaded, its weight must be listed separately. Provide the consignee's full name (as in passport), passport number, Lima address, and the moving company's name, RUC number, and contact details on the OBL.

All documents must be notarized in Peru after arrival. The Power of Attorney letter to Peruvian Customs must be notarized locally; the origin agent cannot complete this step.

Packing lists must not use "PBO" (packed by owner) descriptions. All electrical items require brand name and serial number. New items must be repacked by the moving company; original manufacturer's packaging is not permitted.

ISPM 15 (NIMF 15) compliance is mandatory for all wood packing. Non-compliant materials will be denied entry; materials showing live plague evidence may be destroyed. Phytosanitary inspection is conducted at the port or airport of entry.

The OTO permit for refrigerant gas appliances must be secured before the shipment arrives. The SENASA certificate for pets and the Gas Emission Certificate for vehicles are both obtained in Peru after arrival; coordinate timing with the destination agent.