



Importing Personal Property Into Honduras

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

The customer must be present during Customs clearance. A Customs inspection is mandatory and is usually performed at the Customs site; however, the inspection may take place at the customer's residence or at the agent's warehouse. An additional charge will apply. Used household goods and personal effects are duty free for returning Hondurans who have proof of living abroad for at least 12 months and diplomats. Shipments may be held at Customs or S.I.T. in bond. If that occurs there will be a charge. Customers without a Franchise or Residence Permit must secure a guarantee. Customers relocating to Honduras will incur duty and taxes on their goods.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport including photo page
- ✓ Residence Visa
- ✓ Work Permit & proof of Employment
- ✓ Certificate of Residence Change
- ✓ Permit to import household goods and personal effects
- ✓ Bill of Lading/Air Waybill - original
- ✓ Inventory in Spanish, (no other language accepted) 3 copies, preferably typed
- ✓ Letter authorizing Destination Agent to clear shipment
- ✓ Franchise (Dispensa) - for Returning Hondurans, secured through an attorney after arrival

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations are granted tax and duty free entry of their personal effects and household items either new or used.

Required Documents:

- ✓ Diplomatic Franchise (Dispensa) Secured through an attorney upon arrival
- ✓ Passport copy
- ✓ Inventory in Spanish, 3 copies, preferably typed

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- ✓ Electrical appliances & new items require original receipts with four copies
- ✓ Sporting firearms require a permit from the Secretary of Defense and the Treasury
- ✓ Alcohol; 1 bottle of spirits duty free, in excess of that will incur high tax and duty
- ✓ Tobacco; 1 carton of cigarettes or 1 lb loose leaf or 250 cigars are duty free in excess of that will incur high tax and duty

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- ✓ Pornography, subversive literature and films
- ✓ Explosives, ammunitions and all weaponry such as knives, swords, knuckle dusters

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Dogs and cats must be accompanied by veterinarian health certificate issued at point of origin, and an import permit from the "Dirección General de Ganadería y Veterinaria" (General Direction for Cattle Breeding and Veterinary Services). Dogs also require an additional rabies vaccination certificate and distemper and hepatitis certificates. The entry permit can be arranged upon arrival. Quarantine is not required for pets coming from the United States certificates must be certified by the USDA. All documentation must be in Spanish

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Vaccination – including rabies, dated less than 30 days prior to arrival
- ✓ Health Certificate - dated less than 10 days prior to arrival,
- ✓ Import Permit

IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Only diplomats and international organizations are allowed to import a vehicle. Vehicles can be new or used. They are duty free but subject to high taxes. Documentation below must indicate make, model, year of manufacture the engine's cc's. Tax rates are assessed based on the vehicle specifications. Specifications vary; please seek the advice of your Destination Agent prior to consigning a car for current requirements

Required Documents:

- ✓ Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓ Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original
- ✓ OBL and Passport

NOTES:

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: Honduras has adopted measures in accord with ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM).

Documentation: US citizens are advised to carry a copy of their passport with them at all times while in Honduras.

Travel into bordering countries: In June 2006, Honduras entered a "Central America-4 (CA-4) Border Control Agreement" with Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. Under the terms of the agreement, citizens of the four countries may travel freely across land borders from one of the countries to any of the others without completing entry and exit formalities at immigration checkpoints. U.S. citizens and other eligible foreign nationals who legally enter any of the four countries may similarly travel among "CA-4" countries without obtaining additional visas or tourist entry permits for the other three countries

Health: Honduras has the highest adult HIV/AIDS prevalence rate in the region. Some HIV/AIDS entry restrictions exist for visitors to and foreign residents of Honduras. For these individuals, medical certificates are required. Please verify this information with the [Embassy of Honduras](#) before you travel.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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IATA Travel Centre

Visa HQ

Embassy of Honduras <http://www.hondurasemb.org/>

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.