



# *Importing Personal Property Into Peru*

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

### **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

#### **Customs Regulations:**

Client must be in Lima, Peru during the inspection process. The client must have proof of living outside of Peru for a minimum of 13 consecutive months before the last entry into Peru. All shipments are inspected by Peruvian Customs Authorities – except foreign diplomatic shipments. Shipment should be 1 month prior or up to 6 months after client's arrival to Peru. Duties are assessed on household goods shipments based on the value given by the Peruvian Customs Authorities after the shipment's inspection. Duty incurred is between 12% for household goods and personal effects. Client should not have imported another household goods shipment in the last 2 years.

When shipping household goods and automobiles of any kind in the same container, this must be clearly stated on the ocean bill of lading.

Peruvian Customs Authority will reweigh the container/crate or liftvan and if it is less or in excess by 5% of the declared weight on the OBL/AWB a fine of approx. \$250.00USD will be charged to the client's agent.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport – Original, with last entry stamp into Peru and either of the below:
  - a) Work Contract - Notarized copy, issued by a local company approved by Peruvian Ministry of Labour
  - b) Resident Visa - Original
  - c) Wedding certificate - notarized copy, indicating marriage to a Peruvian citizen.
- ✓ B/L or AWB - 2 original sets required for ocean shipments, MUST state "Used household goods and personal effects", stating actual consigned net & gross weight
- ✓ Detailed Inventory - in Spanish or English avoiding "PBO", "Misc" terms (consular stamp is not required)
- ✓ Pack List - copy

#### **Diplomat Status**

Total free entry will be granted to Diplomats and embassy officers, members of foreign armed forces on official missions, foreign representatives of international organizations. Foreign diplomats are free of physical inspections.

**Returning Peruvian Diplomats** will be subject to a physical inspection. Shipment is free of duty if the value does not exceed the amount authorized by the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Returning nationals submitting proof of living abroad for 4 years or more can apply for "Ley de Peruano en Retorno" which will exonerate payment of import duties. Consult the Destination Agent for details.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Original passport
- ✓ Diplomatic Free Entry Permit - issued by Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ B/L or AWB - copy
- ✓ Detailed Packing List - in Spanish or English, avoiding terms "MISC", "PBO" etc

## Returning Peruvian Citizens

Returning Peruvian citizens must demonstrate a minimum of 13 consecutive months living abroad, without having visited Peru for more than 30 days throughout the time outside of Peru to be subject to the fixed rate of 12%. Otherwise, the percentage of duties to pay will be 32% of the value given by the Peruvian Customs Authorities after shipment's inspection. If returning Peruvian has resided outside of Peru for 4 years or more can apply for "Ley de Peruano en Retorno."

Household goods previously exported from Peru with supporting documentation will be free of duty.

Peruvian citizens may import used household goods and a vehicle duty free up to \$30,000USD each and have the intent of developing a business in Peru.

SUNAT in Peru must approve the Duty-Free request, which takes approximately 30 days to process. Once approved, the shipment can be released to enter Peru. The returning citizen must not have used this benefit in the prior two years.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ National Identity Card & Immigration Record
- ✓ Export Declaration form (DUA)
- ✓ Residence Certificate – issued by Peruvian Embassy or consulate at origin; the certificate should state the client's intent to return to Peru for a minimum of five (5) years
- ✓ Copy of Professional Certificate & Business Plan
- ✓ Inventory with value of equipment to be used for business
- ✓ Comprehensive Inventory – terms PBO, MISC are not acceptable

### RESTRICTED ITEMS

- ✓ Firearms – Requires Proof of Ownership & a license obtained from Ministry of Interior prior to departure
- ✓ Radio, telephones, fax machines, modems and routers and other telecommunication devices – require a license obtained from Ministry of Interior prior to departure along with receipts & manuals or technical brochures
- ✓ Refrigerators, freezers & air conditioners – requires Import Authorization from the Ozone Technical Office in Peru prior to arrival; provide original manufacturer declaration stating gas in the appliance will not damage the ozone layer, User Manual, technical brochure or photographs of technical specifications plates for each appliance; usually attached to the back of each appliance; items not compliant are subject to confiscation. If certificates are not ready upon inspection the appliances in question are set aside awaiting a 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection when certificates are completed/approved. This can take up to 2 months, incurring storage & handling charges. Certificates are 100.00USD each item

#### **Items manufactured with R11 or R12 gas will be confiscated upon arrival to Peru**

- ✓ Works of Art & Antiques – require original invoices
- ✓ Food in small quantities – i.e. 10% of an air shipment
- ✓ Liquor – 5 liters are allowed free of taxes; beyond this amount requires a permit, incurs taxes

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✓ Drugs / Narcotics
- ✓ Pornographic material
- ✓ Firearms & explosives
- ✓ The importation of PISCO ( A Peruvian alcoholic beverage) not made in Peru is prohibited and will be destroyed by Customs Authorities if found

## IMPORTATION OF PETS

Pets should be sent as unaccompanied baggage; otherwise they will incur customs taxes. There is no quarantine period required for cats and/or dogs imported to Peru.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Sanitary Certificate – issued at origin
- ✓ Vaccination Certificate – issued over 30 days prior to transport but not more than 1 year
- ✓ Health Certificate – issued by a licensed veterinarian at origin, no more than 10 days prior to transport

## IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES

Only one vehicle is allowed importation either new or used under the following conditions: Used cars must not exceed 5 years of the date of manufacture or 80,000 kilometers at time of importation into Peru. Used diesel vehicles are prohibited. Contact the Destination Agent if importing a new diesel vehicle for specific details.

**Above criteria applies to diplomat status vehicles as well.**

**Foreigners and returning nationals** incur duty on used vehicles of 79% of CIF value & 38% of CIF for new vehicles. Pre-advise Destination Agent with make, model, year, mileage, and all serial numbers.

Do not ship vehicle until the Destination Agent approves.

### Diplomat Status:

**Foreign & Returning Peruvian Diplomats** may import one car free of duties upon receiving a Duty Free Permit issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in addition to the below documentation. Diplomatic vehicles are not subject to a physical inspection nor required to obtain an Inspection Certificate at origin. Vehicle arriving prior to acquisition of the Duty Free Permit will incur demurrage and storage fees.

### Required Documents:

- ✓ Passport – original, with last entry stamp into Peru
- ✓ Original B/L – 2 sets, state make, model, year, engine serial number & VIN
- ✓ Customs Form (DUA) & Tax ID Form (RUC)
- ✓ Title, Registration & Insurance Policy or letter to Customs if insurance has not been obtained
- ✓ Purchase Invoice
- ✓ Inspection Certificate – obtained at origin by companies such as SGS or Bureau Veritas; must state carbon monoxide emission does not exceed 9% in volume
- ✓ Declaration of Value issued by the owner (used cars)
- ✓ Technical Sheet – issued by an authorized engineer in Peru

### Notes:

**Entry/Exit Requirements:** Peru does not require any immunizations for entry, although it recommends vaccination against Yellow Fever.

To better serve the American citizen community in Peru, the U.S. Embassy's American Citizen Services Unit launched a [new online appointment system](#) for most non-emergency passport and citizenship services. Individuals must make an appointment online at <http://lima.usembassy.gov>. Be advised that an individual appointment should be made for each family member seeking a service related to passports.

**Safety & Security:** The Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) terrorist group is still active, and sporadic incidents of Shining Path violence have occurred in the recent past in rural provinces of Ayacucho, Huancavelica, Huanuco, Junin, and San Martin. The Shining Path has previously targeted U.S. interests and there are indications that it continues to do so.

The Peruvian government is working to remove mines and unexploded ordnance left over from the Peru/Ecuador border conflict, but crossing or approaching the Peru-Ecuador border anywhere except at official checkpoints can still be hazardous. The entire Peru/Colombia border area is very dangerous because of narcotics trafficking and the occasional incursions of armed guerrilla forces from Colombia into Peru's remote areas.

Embassy employees are prohibited from nighttime overland travel anywhere outside major urban areas. The only exception is nighttime travel by commercial bus on the Pan-American Highway. The U.S. Embassy restricts travel of U.S. government employees where terrorist groups and narcotics traffickers have recently resorted to violent actions.

**Crime:** "Express kidnappings," in which criminals kidnap victims and seek to obtain funds from their bank accounts via automatic teller machines, occur frequently. Thieves often smash car windows at traffic lights to grab jewelry, purses, backpacks, or other visible items from a car. This type of assault is very common on main roads leading to Lima's Jorge Chavez International Airport.

Individuals should use only licensed, registered taxis displaying a blue decal issued by the municipal government on the windshield of the vehicle. Unregistered taxi drivers are often involved in criminal activity.

**Special Circumstances:** The government of Peru prohibits the exportation of archaeological artifacts, colonial art and some natural artifacts such as fossils. U.S. law enforcement authorities can take action even after importation into the United States has occurred. Unscrupulous traders might try to sell them articles that cannot be exported from Peru. Peruvian Customs Authority may seize such articles, and the traveler may be subject to criminal penalties. Those who purchase reproductions of colonial or pre-colonial art should buy only from reputable dealers, and they should insist on documentation from Peru's National Institute of Culture (INC) showing that the object is a reproduction and may be exported. Peruvian Customs Authority may retain articles lacking such documentation and forward them to INC for evaluation. If found to be reproductions, the objects eventually may be returned to the purchaser, but storage and shipping charges are the responsibility of the purchaser. Vendors in jungle cities and airports sell live animals and birds, as well as handicrafts made from insects, feathers, or other natural products. Under Peruvian law, it is illegal to remove certain flora and fauna items from their place of origin to another part of Peru or to export them to a foreign country. Foreigners have been detained and arrested by the Ecology Police in Lima for carrying such items.

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** Peru has established requirements regarding ISPM15 for wood packaging material (WPM). Heat Treatment (HT) and Methyl Bromide (MB) are accepted. Any packing not marked will be denied.

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Embassy of Peru: <http://www.peruvianembassy.us/en.html>

Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_998.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_998.html)

<p>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.</p>
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