

As per Official Register No. 196 dated October 23, 2007 and Customs Bulletin No.128:  
 Verification at origin for shipments with FOB US\$ 4000 or more will not be in effect after 90 working days counted from October 23, 2007

Effective in January 25<sup>th</sup> 2008, important changes in customs regulations are taking place, affecting important of household goods to Ecuador

- 1) Stamp of inventory at origin by Ecuadorian Consul is now optional; the list can now be sealed by Public Notary at destination.
- 2) Inventory must be valued (reference reduced value for Customs; please do not declare insurance values).
- 3) The maximum time that returning citizens can stay in Ecuador during last year of abroad residence to remain eligible for a duty free importation of household goods is now 60 calendar days.
- 4) The guarantee amount in case of not having the proper visa stamped by the time of the arrival of shipments, is now 120% of eventual duties and taxes.
- 5) Shipments must arrive within 2 months before and six months after the arrival of the consignee.
- 6) If shipment arrives after the consignee, he must not leave the country for more than 30 calendar days during this period.
- 7) In order to import household goods duty free more than once, consignee must stay living in Ecuador for a minimum of 5 years, not having left for more than 150 calendar days during this period.

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Removal goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete packing list in Spanish and also legalised by Ecuadorian Consulate at origin.</li> <li>• Original passport with appropriate visa.</li> <li>• 2 original OBL and 1 original AWB.</li> <li>• Work contract valid for more than one year (foreigners with working visa only).</li> <li>• Resident visa from the country they come from (returning citizens only).</li> <li>• The property of goods must be demonstrated by means of the buying documents or with a sworn declaration stamped by an Ecuadorian Consul at origin, in which is evident the detailed and complete list of household goods and working equipment included on the shipment. There will be no exceptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the visa is not stamped on arrival, a \$2,000 refundable guarantee must be presented. If the working visa is not presented to Customs within 90 days, the guarantee will not be reimbursed and Customs duties will be applied.</li> <li>• Except for diplomats, detailed physical inspection at the port of entry is mandatory.</li> </ul> <p>As from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2001, the consignee's R.U.C., ID n° or passport n° must be indicated on B/L and cargo documents as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecuador tax contributor Unique Register (R.U.C.) if the consignee is a company.</li> <li>• Ecuador ID n°, if the importer is an</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Only one shipment will be admitted duty free. If you send 2 shipments (i.e. a small airfreight plus a container via surface) even if it belongs to the same client, one of them will be subject to payment of import taxes.</b></li> <li>• Only one item per article is allowed. Additional items are subject to payment of duties and fines or confiscation.</li> <li>• Duty free importation is allowed within 60 days after the importer's arrival.</li> <li>• Returning citizens will not be eligible for duty free importation if they have stayed in Ecuador for more than <b>60 calendar</b> days during the last year of abroad residence.</li> <li>• The shipment must arrive <b>within two</b></li> </ul>

	<p>to this requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Migratory Certificate, issued at destination by Migration Police prior to presentation of Customs declaration (not applicable to foreign and Ecuadorian diplomats).</li> <li>• Verification certificate (issued locally by Inspection Company).</li> <li>• Transportation Insurance policy issued in Ecuador.</li> </ul> <p>Diplomatic shipments only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original passport</li> <li>• Inventory list (no Consular seal needed).</li> <li>• 2 originals of OBL / 1 original of AWB</li> <li>• Official Franchise from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs approved by Customs.</li> <li>• If a motor vehicle is included, original invoice.</li> <li>• Request for tax exemptions for Household Goods has to be signed by the owner (consignee) and the Customs Broker</li> <li>• The Packing List has to carry the stamp and signature of the Public Notary (located at last place of owner's residence) and the authentication of the nearest Ecuadorian Consulate</li> <li>• The Bill of Lading, in the section "Nature and Quantity of Goods" should clearly state "Household Goods". If the wording "Personal Effects" is used,</li> </ul>	<p>Ecuadorian natural person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport n° if the importer is other than Ecuadorian.</li> </ul> <p>If the cargo is consigned to THE ORDER, the notified R.U.C., ID n° or passport n° must be indicated.</p> <p>Household goods and personal effects are allowed duty free for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign diplomats.</li> <li>• Ecuadorian diplomats.</li> <li>• Ecuadorian citizens returning after finishing official assignments in International.</li> <li>• Organizations recognized by the Ecuadorian Government.</li> <li>• Ecuadorian citizens returning after a minimum of one (1) year of legal residence abroad (resident visa from the country where they return from is required).</li> <li>• Foreigners with immigrant visa, and</li> <li>• Foreigners with non-immigrant working visa.</li> </ul>	<p><b>months before and six months after the arrival</b> of the consignee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If non-declared items are found during inspection, this will be considered as felony and will be severely punished.</li> <li>• <b>If the shipment arrives after the consignee, he must not leave the country for more than 30 calendar days during this period.</b></li> <li>• <b>The OBL/AWB and cargo documentation must have the consignee's passport number.</b></li> <li>• <b>In order to import household goods duty free more than once, consignee must stay living in Ecuador for a minimum of 5 years, not having left for more than 150 calendar days during this period.</b></li> </ul> <p>Shipments on which all conditions are not fulfilled will be subject to payment of import taxes (approx. 43% of CIF value, calculated by Customs after inspection).</p> <p>New regulations In effect since May 03</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Except for diplomats, household goods and personal effects shipments valued over \$4,000.00 (declared value for Customs purposes only, not replacement value) must be inspected at origin before embarkation. Inspection will be requested and coordinated by the destination agent. Please do not ship</li> </ul>
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	customs will not grant exemption on Household Goods		without approval from the destination agent. Lack of verification at origin will cause immediate re-embarkation of shipment. Cost of verification is 1% of FOB value (min. \$250.00) and will take approx. 1 week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A transportation Insurance policy must be taken in Ecuador (for Customs purposes only, does not replace regular door to door insurance certificate issued at origin).</li> </ul>
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>	Original Wedding certificate	Duty free entry.	
<b>Inheritance</b>	Death certificate	Duty free entry, per decree approved by Minister of Finance.	
<b>New furniture and household goods</b>	See information given under Removal goods.		
<b>Works of art and antiques</b>	No documents required if part of the household effects.		
<b>Precious metal objects, Jewellery, coins</b>	Same as above.	Jewellery and coins subject to taxes of 20% of value.	
<b>Household appliances</b>	See information given under Removal goods.		
<b>Electrical appliances</b>	Same as works of art.	Same as Removal goods.	Duty free entry is only permitted for one of each type of article. Additional item pay taxes at approx. 43 % of CIF value.
<b>Presents, souvenirs</b>	No documents required if part of the household effects.		
<b>Carpets</b>	Same as above.		
<b>Motor vehicles</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Except for diplomatic shipments, importation of used motor vehicles is</li> </ul>	To import a motor vehicle, it must be brand new, inspected at origin before embarkation (even if sharing a container with hhg) and

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		prohibited. • Motor vehicles are subject to duties (approx. 65% of CIF value).	import permit must be previously approved in Ecuador.
<b>Machines, appliances, spare parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OBL or AWB</li> <li>• Commercial invoice</li> <li>• Import permit.</li> <li>• Inspection Certificate.</li> </ul>		
<b>Wine</b>	Authorisation of Health Minister, Sanitary Register.	Pay duties approx. 10% of CIF value.	4 litres allowed as part of household goods.
<b>Alcohol, cigarettes and cigars</b>		Restricted but allowed in reasonable quantities.	
<b>Cats, Dogs and other animals</b>	Health and vaccination certificates.	<b>If pets arrive with owner they will be cleared with baggage just presenting International Health Certificate.</b> <b>If they arrive as cargo, customs clearance process will be required and pets might have to spend the night at customs.</b>	
<b>Drugs, narcotics, food, spices, pornographic material, live plants, appliances using refrigerant R12-R15, cleaning products, creams, colognes, perfumes, cosmetics, firearms and ammunitions</b>		Strictly prohibited.	
<b>Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates</b>	Ecuador adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the		

	<p>treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.</p> <p>Details of the requirements will be provided as soon as possible.</p>		
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