



## *Importing Personal Property Into Paraguay*

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

#### **Customs Regulations:**

All non-diplomatic shipments are subject to inspection at the first port of entry. Foreigners cannot import household goods and personal effects before obtaining the residence permit. Therefore they must be in the country at least three months prior to the arrival of the shipment. The client should be present at the destination for Customs clearance.

**Temporary Residents:** Used household goods and personal effects are subject to import duty only.

**Permanent Residents:** May import their used household goods and personal effects tax and duty-free, within the first six months of obtaining the Residence Permit. Required documents must be presented in person to the Immigration Office in Asuncion 3 weeks prior to the shipments arrival to obtain the Customs Certificate. Permanent Resident Permits are valid for a period of five years. All required documents must be presented to the Ministry of the Interior than to the Ministry of Relaciones Exteriores prior to being presented to The Immigration Office. Once this is accomplished client will be given the Customs Certificate valid for 1 year to import their household goods and personal effects. If all shipments are not imported within the year of the Certificate the client will pay duties of 40% up to 50% of Paraguayan Customs valuation. Documents vary depending on client's intended resident status. All documents require the Consular Visa. Verify with your service agent for any changes in document requirements.

**Consignment Instructions:** BL/AWB must be consigned to the client and must show actual weight of the shipment plus the container tare and including vehicle weight, if applicable. Issue a Through BL via Montevideo or Buenos Aires Port with final destination at Asuncion Port as port of discharge.

#### **Required Documents:**

- ✓ Passport - including photo page, 2 pass port pictures and a Visa
  - ✓ Comprehensive Inventory - typed in Spanish and notarized
  - ✓ Pack List – must show exact contents of the shipment with values listed
  - ✓ BL/AWB – must be consigned to the client must show true weight of the shipment & container tare; include weight of vehicle if applicable; Express Release not allowed
  - ✓ Original Residence Permit
  - ✓ Temporary Residence Permit – must be for one year (takes 2 months to process) – or
  - ✓ Permanent Residence Permit – valid for 10 years (takes 1-2 years to process) ✓ Customs Certificate
- \* Additional documents and steps may be required after arrival to obtain residency in Paraguay such as:
- “Certificado de Informatica” – obtained and issued by the Dept de Informatica de la Policia Nacional
  - “Certificado Sanitario” – a medical certificate issued by a locally registered physician attesting to

- both physical and mental health, must be stamped by the National Ministry of Health
- “Certificado de Vida v Residencia” – issued by the nearest Police Office
- “Declaracion Jurada de Acatar Leyes” issued by a local Notary Public
- Proof of Economic Solvency - \$5,000USD in a local bank account

**Returning Paraguayan Citizens:** Returning citizens must have lived abroad for a period of two years may import their used household goods, personal effects and tools of the trade tax free. Required documents below must be presented in person 3 weeks prior to the Repatriation Office in Asuncion to obtain the required Repatriation Certificate.

**Required Documents:**

- ✓Passport including photo page
- ✓Paraguayan ID
- ✓ID of from country abroad
- ✓Bill of Lading/Air Waybill notarized by Paraguayan Consulate at origin (2 sets)
- ✓Letter from Paraguayan Consulate at origin
- ✓Comprehensive Inventory typed in Spanish and notarized.

**Diplomat Status:**

Foreign diplomats, members of government or international organizations must be in Asuncion, Paraguay at least 2 weeks prior to the arrival of the shipment to be accredited by the Paraguayan Government. Once accreditation has taken place they can apply for the diplomatic franchise at the Foreign Affairs Department. Diplomat must bring the Pack List and the BL and /or AWB. With the diplomatic franchise household goods, personal effects and one vehicle can be imported duty free.

**Required Documents:**

- ✓Diplomatic Franchise
- ✓Passport copy
- ✓Comprehensive inventory notarized in Spanish

**RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS**

- ✓Religious literature
- ✓Food items - require lengthy health inspections and will delay shipment clearance
- ✓Firearms – require authorization from the Police Department at destination
  
- ✓Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind & alcohol
- ✓Pornography including immoral or obscene paintings, books and films, subversive material
- ✓Explosives, ammunitions, swords/knives and weapons of all kinds
- ✓Military equipment and any war machinery
- ✓Molds and machinery designated for the manufacture of currency
- ✓Canes or fans
- ✓Gambling paraphernalia including playing cards
- ✓Plants

Quarantine is not required at this time. Please consult with your service agent prior to importing pets for the latest requirements and regulations.

**Required Documents:**

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

Vehicles are subject to import taxes and duties unless being imported by those with diplomatic status. Import taxes are 35-37% on the value assessed by Customs Authority. Vehicles over 10 years old and motorcycles over seven years old are prohibited.

**Required Documents:**

- ✓Certificate of Title and Registration - must be original
- ✓Commercial/Purchase Invoice – must be original, notarized by Paraguayan consulate at origin
- ✓Bill of Lading
- ✓Pre-Shipment inspection Certificate (car condition report)
- ✓Veritas Verification Certificate
- ✓Permanent Residence Permit or Paraguayan ID

**NOTES:**

**Safety & Security:** US citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program, to stay current with the latest safety and security announcements dispersed by the Embassy in your area. Your enrollment can also help the Department of State reach your family and friends in case of emergency. U.S. Government personnel and their family members are to provide advance notice and a travel itinerary when traveling to Ciudad del Este, or to the San Pedro, Concepcion, and Amambay Departments due to threats of violence and kidnappings.

**Crime:** US residents should take precautions against displaying expensive-looking cameras and jewelry, large amounts of money, or other valuable items. Criminals often target those thought to be wealthy. Resistance to armed assailants has often aggravated the situation and therefore is not advised. Armed robbery, car theft, and home invasions are a problem in both urban and rural areas. Street crime, including pick pocketing and mugging, is prevalent in cities.

**Health:** Yellow Fever vaccination is required. Hepatitis B and D are endemic; Hepatitis A is common and C occurs. There have been large epidemics of Dengue Fever in recent years. Malaria, Typhoid and TB have also occurred on much smaller scales. Please consult with your health provider for the best course of action and vaccination protocols.

**Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials:** Paraguay has published requirements adopting ISPM15



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regulations for wood packaging material (WPM).

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Department of State: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_997.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_997.html)

International Association of Movers

[www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

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