



## Import Customs Guide **ARGENTINA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods - Argentine Citizens Returning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete copies of passport including blank pages.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certified by public notary and legalized by the Argentine Public Notaries Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Complete copies of Argentine ID (DNI).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certified by public notary and legalized by Argentine Public Notaries Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Certificate of Migratory Movements                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must indicate the entries and departures of the shipper for the previous 24 months.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Clave Única de Identificación Labora Certificate.l (CUIL) / Argentine TAX ID.</li> <li>▪ Residence Certificate Issued by the Argentine Consulate at origin, certified in Argentina by the MFA.</li> <li>▪ Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.</li> <li>▪ Typed packing list in Spanish.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be detailed inventory. Handwritten lists are not accepted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified by public notary and legalized.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The moving company can provide the form locally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Import permit for artwork</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Full contact details (phone, e-mail and address of delivery) to be provided.</li> <li>▪ Documents must be received by the agent at least 7 days prior to the arrival of the shipment at port/airport.</li> <li>▪ Shipper should be in Argentina at the time of shipment arrival.</li> <li>▪ The origin of the move must be the last place of residence of the shipper.</li> <li>▪ Shipments must arrive within 6 months of date of entry of the shipper.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Date must be stamped on shipper's passport.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Shipments of foreigners holding a Tourist Visa cannot be imported.</li> <li>▪ All shipments are subject to physical inspection except the diplomats which can only be inspected as per a special Customs requirement.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs may require shipper to be present for physical inspection of cargo.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ If the shipper has lived abroad for more than 1 year and has not re-entered Argentina for more than 60 accumulative days during the 12 months prior to re-entry, the shipment can be imported duty free; the shipper can import only one shipment duty free every 3 years (just for Argentine and foreign citizens holding a Permanent Visa).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs is imposing since mid-2016 additional intensive controls for all import and export moves. Consequently, inspections with anti-narcotics dog teams have become mandatory for all shipments. Clearance depends on the availability of these dog brigades.</li> <li>▪ Argentine MFA link where you can get the details of Argentine representations abroad: <a href="http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/representaciones">http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/representaciones</a></li> <li>▪ Physical Inspection handling charges will apply for all private shipments arriving by Sea or by Land (Not applied for Diplomats).                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Estimated charges as follows:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LCL: USD 600</li> <li>▪ 20FT: USD 800</li> <li>▪ 40FT: USD 1000</li> <li>▪ 40HC: USD 1200</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Foreigners with a Temporary Resident Visa must import the move under temporary admission, as follows:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The items must be guaranteed (bonded) for the duration of the visa or a period determined by Customs when the shipment is released; the Bond and the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Declaration of all pieces in a special form (ask your agent for the model) + submit photographs of each piece to file a declaration on line at the “Secretaría de Cultura” prior to file for customs clearance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If customer has been living abroad for more than 2 years, the shipment can be imported duty free. Customs will not consider how many days the customer has accumulated in Argentina during the 12 months prior to re-entry; the shipper can import only one shipment duty free every 7 years (just for Argentine and foreign citizens holding a Permanent Visa).</li> <li>▪ Diplomats must present a full copy of the passport stamped by the Diplomatic Mission or the official foreign organization where the shipper is employed.</li> <li>▪ If the shipper’s passport was issued within 1 year, a previous passport must be presented; for citizenship in multiple countries, all passports must be presented.</li> <li>▪ The Diplomatic Franchise must be provided by the Diplomatic Mission or the Official Foreign Organization where the shipper is officially employed.</li> <li>▪ All documents not written in Spanish must be translated by an official translator and certified by the Colegio Argentino de Traductores.</li> <li>▪ For foreign diplomats, the importation of alcohol is allowed up to the annual limit imposed by the MFA and the Embassy or Representation’s own limit.</li> </ul>	<p>temporary admission must be renewed before the expiration date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The goods must be guaranteed by a local insurance company through a Póliza de Caucción (Insurance bond).</li> <li>▪ If at the expiration date of the Guarantee the visa has not been renewed, the goods must be re-exported before the expiration date of the Guarantee and the visa. If a Permanent Residence Visa has been obtained, the goods must be nationalized the Guarantee will be cancelled without paying taxes or duties.</li> <li>▪ The Bond system is applicable for all moves arriving by sea, land or air.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Foreigners holding temporary visa (except tourist one)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Complete copies of passport including blank pages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certified by public notary and legalized by the Argentine Public Notaries Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Complete copies of Argentine ID (DNI) or Visa or Residencia Precaria (temporary visa)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>copy (if DNI is unavailable).</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Migratory Movements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must indicate the entries and departures of the shipper for the previous 24 months.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Clave Única de Identificación Labora Certificate (CUIL)/ Argentine Tax ID.</li> <li>▪ Insurance bond issued by a local insurance company.</li> <li>▪ Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.</li> <li>▪ Typed packing list in Spanish. Handwritten lists are not accepted.</li> <li>▪ Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified and legalized. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The moving company can provide the form locally.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Import permit for artwork. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Declaration of all pieces in a special form (ask your agent for the model) + submit photographs of each piece to file a declaration on line at the "Secretaría de Cultura" prior to file for customs clearance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Diplomats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diplomatic Franchise from the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Diplomats and military personnel).</li> <li>▪ Full copy of passport.</li> <li>▪ Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) / CRT.</li> <li>▪ Typed packing list in Spanish. Must be detailed inventory. Handwritten lists are not accepted.</li> <li>▪ Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as above.</li> </ul>

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	<p>behalf with signature certified and legalized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The moving company can provide the form locally.</li> <li>▪ Import permit for artwork.</li> <li>▪ Declaration of all pieces in a special form (ask your agent for the model) + submit photographs of each piece to file a declaration on line at the “Secretaría de Cultura” prior to file for customs clearance.</li> </ul>		
<b>Restricted / Dutiable items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Archaeological or paleontological patrimony (fossils, human remains, collections and sediment geological, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Once admitted to the country, its export will not be permitted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Works of art and monuments of recent antiquity (authorization is required).</li> <li>▪ Wood must be treated specifically for pests.</li> <li>▪ Weapons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be declared and authorized by the Registro Nacional de Armas (RENAR).</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Alcoholic beverages (up to 30 litres).</li> <li>▪ Items considered for commercial purposes (determined through quantity, quality or type).</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Items compromising public, animal and agricultural health.</li> <li>▪ Organic products (soil, firewood, wood, animal parts, dried insects ...).</li> <li>▪ Narcotics or illegal drugs.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic material of any kind.</li> <li>▪ Dangerous, toxic or flammable items.</li> <li>▪ Stolen or smuggled items.</li> <li>▪ Currency (actual or counterfeit).</li> <li>▪ Food.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spare parts or parts of any vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Items that contain an internal – combustion or outboard engines.</li> <li>▪ Hover boards.</li> <li>▪ Items that are not considered as part of a move for Argentine Customs.</li> </ul>	
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinary Health Certificate.</li> <li>▪ Vaccination Record.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued within 10 days of arrival and stamped by the nearest Argentine Consulate, if possible.</li> <li>▪ All documents must accompany animal for entry.</li> <li>▪ Dogs and cats arriving from Asia (except Japan) and Africa must obtain a special Import Permit prior to arrival.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This regulation just applies for dogs and cats.</li> <li>▪ For any other animals, please check before shipping.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Argentine Citizens Returning (including Argentine diplomats returning):</b></li> <li>▪ Complete copies of passport including blank pages. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certified by public notary and legalized by the Argentine Public Notaries Association.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Residence Certificate issued by the Argentine Consulate at origin.</li> <li>▪ Vehicle Title / Documentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All vehicle documents must be legalized at the Argentine Consulate of the country from which the move is coming from</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Original Purchase Invoice, certified by the Argentine Consulate at origin country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Must be legalized at the Argentine Consulate of the country from which the move is coming from.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The vehicle title must be registered under the shipper's name for at least 3 months prior to departure from the origin country (not applied for foreign diplomats).</li> <li>▪ Vehicles must arrive within 6 months of shipper's entry date.</li> <li>▪ The importation of new vehicles is subject to the Ministry of Commerce regulations and is limited to certain types of vehicles.</li> <li>▪ New vehicles cannot be imported as part of the move. Just allowed for Foreign Diplomats.</li> <li>▪ Returning Argentine citizens may import used vehicles only (one car and one motorcycle for each adult member of the family). The importation will be dutiable, except in very specific cases.</li> <li>▪ Foreigners with permanent resident status may import used vehicles only, under the same rules that apply to returning Argentine</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Foreign Diplomats:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Diplomatic Franchise (diplomats and military personnel).</li> <li>▪ Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB).</li> <li>▪ Letter authorizing the moving company to perform the import clearance on shipper's behalf with signature certified and legalized.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The moving company can provide the form locally (not applicable for Foreign Diplomats).</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ All documents not written in Spanish must be translated by an official translator and certified by the Colegio Argentino de Traductores.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		





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