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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Returning Citizens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original passport with the last entry to Bolivia stamped into the passport. ▪ Inventory List in Spanish/ English very detailed and typed in computer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handwritten documents nota/lowed by Bolivian Customs. ▪ Affidavit ("Declaración Jurada") validated by Bolivian Consulate at the origin country. ▪ Consular Certificate of Residence issued by Consulate of Bolivia at origin. ▪ Migratory certificate ("Flujo Migratorio") issued by Migratory Office in Bolivia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bolivian returning must have lived abroad for more than two (2) years consecutive, their visits to Bolivia within this period must not exceed ninety (90) days in sum. ▪ Franchise for Bolivian returning must not exceed the value of \$35000 (thirty-five thousand American dollars) (FOB VALUE) duty free for used personal effects. Over this value, the client must pay taxes for the excess. ▪ The consignee must be present in Bolivia during the import process as his presence is required for customs inspection. ▪ The arrival of shipment is only permitted in the period between one (1) month before and up to six (6) months after the consignee definitive arrival. ▪ Goods that do not comply with the requirements and conditions of Bolivian customs clearance cannot be imported with tax exemption into Bolivia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For all shipments to Bolivia via port of Arica (Chile), the Bill of Lading must read in Spanish: "Carga en tránsito Arica con destino final Bolivia" ▪ Cargo on OBL/AWB must be declared as: "Menaje Doméstico Usado" (<i>Used household goods</i>). It must be written in Spanish, this is mandatory. ▪ OBL must be rated. ▪ The Destination Agent must have all the original documents before the arrival of the shipment at the port of entry. ▪ Estimated time for HHGDS import process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ About 6 to 8 weeks approximately since cargo arrives at Bolivian Customs Warehouse until cargo released. ▪ The returning citizens are only granted with one importation per family (AIR or SEA or Overland). ▪ The vehicles are not considered as personal effects. ▪ To register the Affidavit form "Declaración Jurada" online the consignee must visit the Bolivian Customs website www.aduana.gob.bo and follow the steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The consignee needs the packing list detailed as follows number of pieces, all electric appliances must be specified, model and serial number (no exceptions), weight and values box by box. ▪ The total value amounts up to \$35000.

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Foreign Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original passport. ▪ VOD - Visa de Objeto Determinado stamped into the passport or Visa Mercosur for a foreigner coming from a country member of MERCOSUR: Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela (suspended), Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Surinam. ▪ Inventory List in Spanish/English very detailed and typed in computer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Handwritten documents not allowed by Bolivian Customs. ▪ Affidavit ("Declaración Jurada") validated by Bolivian Embassy/Consulate at the origin country. ▪ Work contract validated by the Labour Ministry of Bolivia for at least 1 year. ▪ Migratory certificate (Flujo Migratorio) issued by Migratory Office in Bolivia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consignee must have lived abroad for more than two (2) years consecutive, their visits to Bolivia within this period must not exceed ninety (90) days in sum. ▪ Franchise must not exceed the value of \$35,000 (thirty-five thousand American dollars) duty free for used personal effects. Over this value, pay taxes on the excess. ▪ The consignee must be present in Bolivia during the import process as their presence is required for customs inspections. ▪ The arrival of shipment is only permitted in the period between one (1) month before and up to six (6) months after the consignee definitive arrival. ▪ Goods that do not comply with the requirements and conditions of Bolivian customs clearance cannot be imported with tax exemption into Bolivia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as above.
Diplomatic Shipments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original passport with the diplomatic visa stamped. ▪ Application letter from the Embassy requesting the Diplomatic Accreditation to Bolivian Foreign Ministry. ▪ Diplomatic Accreditation Letter with the name and the position of the customer. ▪ Diplomatic ID issued by Bolivian Foreign Ministry. ▪ Packing list signed and stamped by the Embassy. ▪ Transport documents: AWB/BL/MIC/ or CRT (original). ▪ Tax Exemption Form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B/L must show the customer's name and number as it shows in the passport. ▪ The 8/L must show the sea freight or air Freight Certificate issued by the shipping Line. ▪ The Tax Exemption Form must be filled in by the customs broker, sealed and signed by the Embassy. ▪ The Value Declaration or administrative certificate must be issued sealed and signed by the Embassy. ▪ Franchise for diplomatic shipments is determined according to the position and activities the customer will perform in his diplomatic mission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs clearance takes approx. 10 days if the Embassy has all documents ready. ▪ Vehicles are allowed to be imported as a diplomatic shipment. The franchise is determined according to the position and activities the customer will perform in his diplomatic mission. ▪ Prohibited household goods: cosmetics (perfumes, creams, shampoo, disposable diapers, medicines, detergents, soaps, liquids, spices, alcohol, consumables (including sealed or canned), tea, oil, weapons, skin stuffed animals, artworks, pornographic material.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Value Declaration or administrative certificate (issued sealed and signed by the Embassy). 		
Inheritance			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your destination agent for more information.
New Furniture & Household Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial invoice. ▪ B/L or AWB. ▪ Insurance Policy. ▪ B/L or AWB - CRT - MIC/DTA. ▪ Technical sheet of every wooden item from origin. ▪ Import Authorization (prior permission to import furniture and new textiles). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An accredited verification company must intervene if value exceeds USD 1.000.-. ▪ Subject to payment of duties of 42% over CIF Value in case of private or personal shipments. ▪ No duties for Diplomatic Shipments. ▪ Used textiles are totally prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your destination agent for more information.
Works of Art & Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial invoice from seller. ▪ List detailing the Works of Art. ▪ Export permit from country of origin. ▪ B/L or AWB. ▪ Insurance Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of duties of approx. 32% over CIF Value for private and personal shipments. ▪ If included in a Household Goods shipment, a complementary (detailed) packing list will be required, entitled as "Works of art/Antiques," specifying the value as per the commercial invoice, item by item. ▪ Duty free for diplomatic shipments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your destination agent for more information.
Electrical Appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as New Furniture and Household Goods above. ▪ Detailed inventory of features such as model, serial number, brand and provenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free for diplomatic shipments. ▪ Electrical appliances pay 42% of duties over CIF value. ▪ Personal computers and printers pay 32% duties over CIF value. ▪ The above is only applicable to private and personal shipments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Electrical appliances entail TV sets, sewing machines, video sets, personal computers and printers.
Presents & Souvenirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If value is less than \$300, no documents are required. ▪ Otherwise, the documentation required is the same as New Furniture and Household Goods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to the payment of approx. 32% over CIF value for private and personal shipments. ▪ Duty free for diplomatic shipments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact your destination agent for more information.

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Motor vehicles & Other Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original invoice. ▪ Original of Bill of Lading. ▪ Valid passport. ▪ Vehicle Certificate Inspection. ▪ Technical report (technical pollution inspection and good performance). ▪ Card of Property and Certificate of origin. ▪ Previous import permit (issued in Bolivia by the Transportation Ministry). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of 52% over CIF value for private and personal shipments. ▪ Duty free for diplomatic missions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In case there is no Commercial Invoice for a used car, an accredited verification company in Bolivia must intervene. ▪ With such purpose, a complete detail of the general and technical characteristics should be sent to Bolivia. ▪ Only can be imported vehicles of one year old. ▪ Vehicles without damage. ▪ Gasoline vehicles do not have any restriction. ▪ Diesel vehicles, above 4000 cc can be imported.
Machinery, Appliances & Spare parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Same as Motor vehicles and other vehicles above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free for diplomatic missions. ▪ Subject to the payment of duties of approx. 32% over CIF value for private and personal shipments. ▪ If they are part of a Household Goods shipment, no documentation is required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should be listed only on respective packing list ▪ Industrial machinery and equipment have a special treatment.
Alcoholic Beverages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited Allowance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats: 6 liters ▪ Non-diplomats: 3 liters 	
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health certificate issued by an official veterinarian at the origin city. ▪ Vaccines certificate issued at the origin city. ▪ Zoo sanitary certificate (issued by an authorized organization at origin). ▪ Zoosanitary certificate to be issued in Bolivia. ▪ Certificate of value of the pet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to payment of 30 % duties over CIF value for private and personal shipments. ▪ In addition, charges are applied over the time pets stayed at Bolivian customs. ▪ Duty free for diplomatic missions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Time of dispatch: 3 days

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Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food in general (including sealed or canned) ▪ Medicines. ▪ Live Plants. ▪ Seeds. ▪ Narcotics. ▪ Drugs. ▪ Explosives. ▪ Gas cylinders (full or empty). ▪ Pornographic material. ▪ Firearms, weapons & ammunitions. ▪ Precursors and refrigerators with gas R-12. ▪ Perfumes. ▪ Creams. ▪ Shampoo. ▪ Fertilizers. ▪ Disposable diapers. ▪ Detergents & soaps. ▪ Liquids. ▪ Spices. ▪ Tea. ▪ Food, all kind. ▪ Oil. ▪ Skin stuffed animals. ▪ Furs. ▪ Dissected animals. ▪ Artworks. ▪ Industrial tools, machines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limited allowance Alcoholic Beverages - see under Alcoholic Beverages above.
Wood Articles		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ By new regulations of SENASAG (Bolivian organization plagues control), any shipping containing wood, like finished furniture, ornaments, packing material, etc., must be fumigated at destination in order to have a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by this organization. 	

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<p>Manufactured objects that contaminate the atmosphere</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For regulations of IBMETRO (Institute of Quality Norms of Bolivia - Pollution control), shipments containing items that could contaminate the atmosphere (like refrigerators - R22 gas, motors, oxygen tanks, vehicles, etc.) must be inspected at destination in order to obtain the CGO (Comisión Gubernamental del Ozono) Certification of gases. 	
<p>Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Bolivian Government adopted the "Norma Internacional para Medidas Fitosanitarias - NIMF N° 15 - Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade to standardize the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods. ▪ Shipments into or out of the country in wooden packaging need to have a seal, certifying that the shipment has received the required treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ (HT=Heated Treatment [a minimum wood core temperature of 56°(for a minimum of 30 minutes] or fumigation with Methyl Bromide (MT). ▪ The minimum temperature should not be less than 10° and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours. ▪ The treatments established in the present regulation have the intent to reduce the introduction and/or the dissemination of quarantine plagues associated to the wood packing. ▪ The wood packing material must be marked in a visible location on each article, on at least two opposite sides of the article with a legible and permanent mark in black ink. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labels and adhesives are not allowed. ▪ If a shipment arrives without this seal, it will be returned to the origin country at the shipper's/ origin Agent's expenses. 	



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