

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

1) RESTRICTED ITEMS: Drugs, narcotics, food, pornographic material, live plants, firearms and ammunition are strictly prohibited. Alcohol, cigarettes and cigars are restricted too.

2) CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Household goods and personal effects are allowed duty free for:

- a) Foreign diplomats,
- b) Ecuadorian diplomats,
- c) Ecuadorian citizens returning after finishing official assignments in International Organizations recognized by the Ecuadorian Government,
- d) 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)
- e) Foreigners with immigrant visa, and
- f) Foreigners with non-immigrant working visa.

REMARKS:

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.

Only one item per article is allowed. Additional items are subject to payment of duties.

Returning citizens will not be eligible for duty free importation if they have stayed in Ecuador for more than 30 days during the last year of abroad residence.

The shipment must arrive up to 60 days AFTER the arrival of the consignee.

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)

The OBL/AWB and cargo documentation must have the consignee's R.U.C. (Ecuador tax contributor unique register, if the consignee is a company), ID number (if importer is an Ecuadorian natural person) or passport number (if other than Ecuadorian). If the cargo is consigned to THE ORDER, the notify's R.U.C, ID or passport number must be indicated.

NEW REGULATIONS IN EFFECT SINCE MAY 3, 2010

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 Blue Horizon Shipping Inc. Please do not ship without approval from us. Lack of verification at origin will cause immediate re-embarkation of shipment. Cost of verification only may rise to approx. 800.00 and will take approx. 3 weeks.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Since this is a reference value only, most airfreight and some single container (up to 1x20') shipments can be valued under \$4,000.00. Before routing your next shipment consigned to Blue Horizon Shipping Inc, please e-mail us the packing list as soon as available and we will confirm if this is a suitable option for this particular shipment.

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). Our company will take care of this at destination.

3) DOCUMENTATION NEEDED

- a) Original passport with stamped visa.
- b) 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 to this requirement. Please consider the New Regulation detailed on 2) before submit any values on this declaration.
- c) 2 Originals of OBL / 1 original of AWB
- d) Work contract valid for more than one year (foreigners only)
- e) Resident visa from the country they return from (returning citizens only)

- f) Migratory Certificate, issued at destination by Migration Police prior to presentation of Customs declaration (not applicable to foreign and Ecuadorian diplomats).
- g) **Verification certificate (when applicable, issued locally by Inspection Company).**
- h) **Transportation Insurance policy issued in Ecuador**

REMARKS:

If the visa is not stamped on arrival, a \$2,000.00 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.

Returning Ecuadorians must present the resident visa from the country they were living in.

Except for diplomats, detailed physical inspection at the port of entry is mandatory

If non-declared items are found during inspection, this will be considered a felony and will be severely punished.

4) DOCUMENTATION NEEDED (DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS ONLY)

- a) Original passport
- b) Inventory list (no Consular seal needed).
- c) 2 originals of OBL / 1 original of AWB
- d) Official Franchise from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs approved by Customs.
- e) If a motor vehicle is included, original invoice.

5) MOTOR VEHICLES

Except for diplomatic shipments, importation of used motor vehicles is prohibited. To import a motor vehicle, it must be brand new; it must be inspected at origin before embarkation (even if it is sharing a container with household goods) and an import permit must be previously approved in Ecuador. Motor vehicles are subject to duties (approx. 65% of CIF value).

6) PETS:

Cats are not allowed in Ecuador. Other domestic pets (dogs, birds, etc.) arriving with owner will be cleared with baggage just presenting International Health Certificate.

7) CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Please consign your shipments as follows:

Consignee:

CLIENT'S NAME, PASSPORT OR ID CARD NUMBER (please see note on remarks)

C/O BLUE HORIZON SHIPPING INC

PANAMERICANA NORTE KM. 3 ½ Y LOS CEDROS

QUITO, ECUADOR

Notify:

BLUE HORIZON SHIPPING INC CIA. LTDA.

ATTN: DIEGO PESANTES D.

PHONE: (593-2)247-5733

VERY IMPORTANT REMARKS:

We will need you to fax us copy of the OBL as soon as it's issued

Customs clearance process takes approx. 4-5 weeks in Guayaquil and approx. 1-2 weeks in Quito. Please make sure the consignee is informed.