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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
Used household effects in general: furniture, electrical devices, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valid passport showing recent entry stamp of Venezuelan immigration officer. Descriptive Inventory with PBO's contents listed. Certificate of Use, duly stamped by Venezuelan Consulate in origin, only if shipper is a returning Venezuelan citizen or a returning resident, after having lived overseas for at least one year. Work letter from employer is helpful. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original Bill of Lading / Airway Bill. Copies of purchase invoice for all new items in the shipment. Signature of shipper on Customs forms. RIF document (Venezuela tax payers registration document). 	<p>For returning Venezuelan citizens and returning residents entry is free from Duty and taxes provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They have obtained the stamped Certificate of Use at the Venezuelan Consulate in origin. If the Customs official is satisfied that the contents are used household goods. The Customs officer and the National Guard will carefully examine most shipments. All others pay import duties and taxes, except diplomats. <p>Duties range from 5 to 20 % of the CIF value. Import tax is 1 % of the CIF value. VAT is 16 % of the sum of the CIF value, duties and taxes.</p>	<p>Customs clearance is meticulous and demanding. Most shipments are examined.</p> <p>Returning Venezuelans and residents must get Certificate of Use before they leave the country of origin. If no certificate is presented to Customs, shipment will be subject to payment of duties. Certificates cannot be obtained locally.</p>
Unaccompanied air shipment	SEE HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS	SEE HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS	If Certificate of Use is not obtainable, expect to pay duties, taxes and VAT.
Diplomatic shipments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diplomatic franchise. Packing inventory. Passport Signature of shipper on Customs forms. 2 Original Bill of Lading / Airway Bill 	Respective Embassy must give the diplomatic franchise before customs clearance.	Due to long process to acquire the diplomatic franchise, storage charges incur, as well as high container demurrage fees.
Antiquity (in household effects shipment)	Same documents as in normal Household Effects shipment including the stamped Certificate of Use.		Documented antiquities pay high duties and taxes when shipped separately.
Liquor (in household goods, and luggage shipments)	Prohibited without Sanitation Permit.		Normally, one case per SS container is ignored by Customs, however confiscation may arise.
Foodstuff (in household goods shipment)	Prohibited without Sanitation Permit.		Normally, one small box per SS container is ignored by Customs, however, confiscation may arise.
Automobiles for diplomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original passport. 	Diplomatic franchise.	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Original Bill of Lading/AirWayBill. • Original purchase invoice. • Original Certificate of Title. 		
Used automobiles. (for non diplomatic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original passport. • 2 Original Bill of Lading. • Original receipt. • Original Registration Title. • Original Certificate of Use duly stamped by Venezuelan Consulate at origin. • Shipper's signature on Customs form supplied by the mover. • RIF document (Venezuela tax payers registration document). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only returning Venezuelan citizens and returning residents may import used vehicles after living abroad for at least one year and after having purchased the car at least 11 months in advance of import to Venezuela. • If the value of the car when brand new was over US\$ 20,000, duties will be 35 % of the CIF value based on the present day value as dictated by the tax office (Seniat). • Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. 	<p>Customs Office determines the value.</p> <p>The value for Customs purposes is not necessarily the value indicated on the original purchase invoice.</p> <p>It is suggested to the shipper to determine the value of the car at the tax office' Seniat in Caracas before shipping the vehicle. The tax office will assign (1) a present day value to the car and (2) the value when it was brand new.</p> <p>Vehicle imported duty free cannot be sold for 3 years.</p> <p>Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the shipper must present the COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and car may be confiscated.</p> <p>These permits are obtainable in Venezuela, before the arrival of vehicle.</p>
New and used automobiles (under a temporary import permit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Customs Office requesting a temporary import permit. • Remaining documents same as for used automobiles, except Certificate of Use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only after the permit is obtained, vehicle may be delivered to Venezuela. • Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. 	<p>For release from Customs, a bond may be posted through a local insurance company or a deposit may be made for the value of the duties.</p> <p>Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the shipper must present the</p>



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			<p>COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and vehicle may be confiscated.</p> <p>These permits are to be obtained in Venezuela, before the arrival of vehicle.</p> <p>The temporary import permit is valid for 6 months. A request may be filed with Customs to extend the permit for one additional six months period, after which the car must be exported.</p> <p>Only valid for tourists and/or holders of transit visas.</p>
New automobiles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipper's RIF document. • Original purchase invoice notarised at origin. • 2 Original Bill of Lading/AirwayBill • Original title. • Shipper's signature on Customs forms. • Valid passport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. • Import duties are 35 % of the CIF value. • VAT is 16 % of the sum of the CIF value, duties and taxes. 	<p>The vehicle must be brand new (no miles)</p> <p>The shipper must be not less than 18 years old and must be in Venezuela when the car arrives.</p> <p>Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the shipper must present the COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and car may be confiscated.</p> <p>These permits are obtainable in Venezuela, prior to arrival of vehicle.</p>
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Purchase • Original passport of shipper. • Shipper's signature on Customs form. • Shipper's RIF document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 % duties of the CIF value. • 1% important tax of the CIF value. • 16 % VAT on the CIF value, plus duties, taxes. 	<p>Certificate of Use issued by Venezuelan Consulate at origin for Venezuelan or returning residents is not applicable for importing motorcycles.</p>
Motor vehicles for diplomatic		Original diplomatic franchise.	Due to long process in taking the franchise, storage fees might occur.
Fire weapons drugs, pornographic		Not allowed.	For fire weapons, apply to the Ministry of Defence



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material			<p>before shipping. Prohibited in household effects shipments.</p> <p>General remark:</p> <p>Shippers must realize that on their door to door shipments, duties, taxes, VAT, deconsolidation fees, airport and airline handling and storage, port charges, container rental and hoisting are excluded in the prepaid destination services charge. Customs clearance is normally included. The shipper must be in the country when his shipment arrives in case the customs office wants to see his passport. No values should be declared on the shipping documents nor on the certificate of use, stamped by the Venezuelan Consulate at origin.</p>