

ECUADOR

	needed Documents	Customs Regulations
Moved goods	 Entire packing list written in Spanish and also legalized by Ecuadorian Consulate at Country of origin. Original passport with legal visa. 2 Bill of Lading and 1 Airway Bill (original). Work contract valid for over 12 months (foreign nationals with working visa only). Resident visa from the country they come from (returning nationals only). The property of items must be Illustrated by means of the buying documents or with a sworn declaration stamped by an Ecuadorian Consul at origin, in which is shown the detailed and complete list of household effects and working equipment included on the shipment. There will be no exceptions to this requisite. Migratory Certificate, made at destination by Migration Police before presentation of Customs declaration (not suitable to foreign and Ecuadorian diplomats). Verification certificate (made locally by Inspection Company). Transportation Insurance policy made in Ecuador. Diplomatic shipments only: True copy of passport Inventory list (no Consular seal needed). 2 Bill of Lading and 1 Airway Bill (originals). Official Franchise from the Ministry of 	 If the visa is not stamped on arrival, a \$2,000 refundable guarantee must be shown. If the working visa is not on hand to Customs within 90 days, the guarantee will not be reimbursed and Customs duties will be imposed. Except for diplomats, detailed physical examination at the port of entry is needed. As from 1 August 2001, the consignee's R.U.C., ID n° or passport n° must be detailed on B/L and cargo documents as follows: Ecuador tax contributor Unique Register (R.U.C.) if the consignee is a company. Ecuador ID n°, if the importer is an Ecuadorian natural person. Passport n° if the importer is other than Ecuadorian. If the cargo is consigned to THE ORDER, the notified R.U.C., ID n° or passport n° must be included. Household effects and personal effects entries are free from duty for: Ecuadorian diplomats Foreign nationals diplomats Ecuadorian citizens returning after finishing official assignments in International. Organizations recognized by the Ecuadorian Government. Ecuadorian national returning after a minimum of 12 months of legal residence

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- Only one item per goods is allowed. Additional items are liable to payment of duties and fines or confiscation.
- Entry is free from duty within 60 days after the importer's arrival.
- 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 2 months AFTER the arrival of the consignee.
- If non-declared items are found during examination, this will be considered as felony and will be severely punished.

Shipments on which all conditions are not fulfilled will be liable to payment of import taxes (approx. 43% of CIF value, computed by Customs after inspection).

NEW REGULATIONS IN EFFECT SINCE MAY/03 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 the destination agent. Please do not ship without approval from the destination agent. Lack of verification at origin will cause immediate re-embarkation of shipment. Cost of verification is 1% of FOB value (min.



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	Foreign Affairs approved by Customs. If a motor vehicle is included, original invoice.	 abroad (resident visa from the country where they return from is required). Foreigners with immigrant visa, and Foreigners with non-immigrant working visa. 	 \$250.00) and will take approx. 1 week. A transportation Insurance policy must be taken in Ecuador (for Customs purposes only, does not replace regular door to door insurance certificate made at origin).
Bridal Clothes	Original Wedding certificate	Entry is free from duty.	
Heirlooms/ Bequest	Death certificate	Entry is free from duty per decree approved by Minister of Finance.	
Household effects and new furniture	SEE MOVED GOODS		
Antiques and Artwork	No documents required if part of the household effects.		
Valued metal articles (Jewels, money)	SEE ARTWORK	Jewels and money are liable to taxes of 20% of value.	
Household devices	SEE MOVED GOODS		
Electrical devices	SEE ARTWORK	SEE MOVED GOODS	Duty free entry is only permitted for one of each type of article. Additional item pay taxes at approx. 43 % of CIF value.
Gifts, memorabilia	No documents required if part of the household effects.		
Rugs	SEE GIFTS		
Automobiles		 Except for diplomatic shipments, importation of used motor vehicles is not allowed. Motor vehicles are liable to duties (appox. 65% of CIF value). 	To import a motor vehicle, it must be brand new, inspected at origin before embarkation (even if sharing a container with HHG) and import permit must be previously approved in Ecuador.
Machines, appliances, spare pieces	 Proof of Purchase Import permit. Ocean Bill of Lading/ Airway Bill Inspection Certificate. 		



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Wine	Authorization of Health Minister, Sanitary	Liable to pay duties approx. 10% of CIF value.	4 liters permitted as part of household effects.
	Register.		
Liquor, cigarettes and cigars		Prohibited but allowed in small	
		quantities.	
Cats, Dogs and other pets	Health and vaccination authorization		
Narcotics, drugs, foodstuff		NOT ALLOWED.	
pornographic material, live			
plants, weapons and			
munitions			