

Goods Documents required Customs Prescriptions Remarks

February 2009: Major update on security issues in the US. Please see attachment "10+2" Program.

Sept. 2007: Regulation change for shipments of used household goods and personal effects entering through the Port of Miami

These changes only affect informal entries being cleared at the Miami Seaport (5201), SCC. Each CBP Port has their own local policy, within the regulations of Chapter 19, of the CFR. Effective immediately, all Powers of Attorney must have an original signature. (19CFR141.31) Being that your customers are most often single entry participants (personal effects, etc), this will require an original each time. This is being enforced to prevent fraud and to protect the actual importer and/or owner of the goods. If the shipper uses his authority delegated under the Power of Attorney for the same client on various occasions, they may provide CBP Miami Seaport SCC with an original POA to keep on file and then may use a photocopy for each transactions as long as they denote that the original is on file.

Removal Goods

- Copy of Visa.
- Copy of passport.
- U.S. Customs Form 3299 (Importer's Declaration).
- Supplemental Declaration Form RC-159 in the case of international foreign residents who have not established a residence at time of entry.
- Inventory of goods. Please do not use the terms 'Miscellaneous' or 'PBO's' on the inventory.
- Ocean Bill of Lading or AWB.
- U.S. Customs Service Supplemental Declaration for Unaccompanied Personal and Household Effects.
- Stamped I-94 form for non-residents (if applicable)
- Power of attorney form

Duty free if removal goods consist of used household effects which have been in the owner's use and possession abroad for at least one year, and which will keep on being used by the owner in the new residence.

B/L (including Express Bills of Lading) must include the following information for container movements to the USA via Canada.

- Name and date of birth of the owner of the goods.
- Address, city, state at origin.
- Address, city, state at destination.

The household goods should not arrive prior to the owner's arrival date. US Customs will not let the goods cleared until the shipper arrival in US. This causes unnecessary container detention charges.

Owner should complete the Customs form 3299 prior to shipment of his goods, indicating flight date of arrival, to support their arrival date. This form should be attached to the shipping documents

Air Waybills and Ocean Bills of Lading for shipments entering USA are to be consigned to the property owner, NOT the Destination Agent.

Consignment instructions:

- In the Shippers box: full name, address, city, postal code and country of property owner
- In the Consignee box: full name, address, city and state (2 letter code) with postal code of the property owner (if new home/delivery address is not available then use Employer's address or alternate contact address)



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			Notify Party: The forwarder name, address, city, state, postal code, telephone and fax number
			Please advise your all appropriate staff of this important change in order to avoid delays and additional charges in clearing imports consigned to agents in USA.
			Enforcement of this new regulation will probably differ in the various U.S. ports of entry. Please contact Agent(s U.S. if you need additional information
Diplomatic goods	 Request for diplomatic privilege through Consulate and U.S. Department of State or Ocean bill of Lading or AWB. 	Duty free entry - no physical inspection of goods. However x-ray examination is possible.	Importer's U.S. Consulate or United Nations Mission's Office must initiate the request for free diplomatic entry.
Wedding trousseaux	Separate declaration on reverse side of Customs form 3299.	Liable to assessment of customs duties.	
Inheritance	 Relevant extract of the Will or death certificate. Copy of inventory Letter of inheritance from the inheritor 	No duty if the inheritor writes a letter confirming that he grew up with the items and that these were in his immediate household. Liable to assessment of duty if the items were not in the inheritor's immediate household while he was growing up.	
New furniture, household goods and souvenirs	Sales invoice showing item, price, date and country of manufacture.	If owner cannot prove purchase was made at least one year prior to import, goods are subject to various rates of duty.	
Works of Art, Antiques	Antiques require production of a certificate of antiquity showing approximate date of production. U.S. Customs has the right to order antiques to U.S. Customs appraisers' stores for an independent appraisal.	Articles must be at least 100 years old to be considered antique and admitted duty free. Works of art are duty free if they constitute part of household goods removal, possessed by owner for at least one year and are not intended	Antiques and works of art imported into the U.S. for resale are subject to different regulations.



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		for resale.		
Jewellery and precious metal		Silverware and ornaments are duty free when imported as part of normal household goods.	Jewellery must not be included with household goods but should accompany owner on arrival.	
Computers	 See removal goods. Specify on inventory, make, model, serial number, value, country of manufacture and where located in shipment. (ex. lift van rear of container etc.). 	Liable to assessment of duty. US Customs will confiscate computers which are deemed counterfeit. Computers are not subject to duty or confiscation if they are shipped with household goods, and they were not purchased abroad (outside the U.S.A.) in the last 12 months	Computers are to be placed within shipment for Customs easy access. This applicable either when imported as part of removal or as personal luggage.	
Motor vehicles including motorcycles, caravans and trailers	 Proof of ownership. Steam cleaning certificate. Copy of U.S. Title, Vehicle Registration or letter from Manufacturer's U.S. Representative stating that vehicle was originally manufactured to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Transportation standards. Vehicles 25 or more years old are exempt from Environmental protection Agency and Department of Transportation standards; however, proof of age, proof of ownership and copy of foreign registration are required. 	Current rate of duty IS 2.5% of value appraised by Customs. Returned American autos can be admitted free of duty if owner can supply copy of U.S. Purchase invoice or export Bill of Lading.	Import of autos not meeting U.S. emission requirements should be avoided as non conforming vehicles must be imported by an ICI (Independent Commercial Importer).Many vehicles are not allowed. Additionally, bonding cost can be 25 to 100% of value of vehicle and conversion costs can often cost more than value of auto. Time frame in which to comply to: • safety standards: 120 days • emission standards: 90 days If these time frames are not respected, car has to be re-exported, could be confiscated, destroyed, and/or a fine up to US \$10.000 could be imposed. You are strongly recommended to know about the following prior to the shipment: Safety standards: U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Administration Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NES-32, 407 th Street S.W., Washington, DC20590. (http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov)	



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Boats	Not subject to above emission rules unless the boat has a motor. If the boat has a motor, an EPA3520-21 form is required with a declaration signed by the importer.	Duty free if part of household goods, owned at least one year and not for re-sale.	
Wine and alcoholic beverages	For states that allow legal entry: Descriptive inventory. Licence may be required. Check with port of entry for the laws that apply.	Subject to various rates of duty and taxes.	Strongly discourage the importing of wine and alcoholic beverages. Some states prohibit entry and Customs will confiscate. In other cases, importation will increase the time and cost of the customs clearance process.
Food	As from May 6, 2009 the Food and Drug Administ prior notice of food, including animal feed, that is States. Prior notice be submitted to FDA electronically via (CBP or Customs) Automated Broker Interface (A or the FDA Prior Notice System Interface (FDA P The information must be submitted and confirmed review no less than 8 hours (for food arriving by and 2 hours (for food arriving by land/road) before Food imported or offered for import without adequatefused, must be held. Shippers must provide the authorities with advance of the state of the	imported or offered for import into the United a either the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (ABI) of the Automated Commercial System (ACS) (NSI). d electronically as facially complete by FDA for water), 4 hours (for food arriving by air or land/rail), e the food arrives at the port of arrival. uate prior notice is subject to refusal and, if	The link to information of prior notice and this rule changes is: http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pn/cpgpn7.html Omitting to provide the authorities with the required information may result in delays, fines or even seizure of the shipment by the government. Rules apply to beverages as well as food.



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	This can be done by accessing the following website: http://www.fda.gov/oc/bioterrorism/bioact.html Once all the details of a shipment are reported the FDA will provide a registration Number, which must be stated on all Bills of Lading as well as Air Way Bills.		
Plants	Prohibited.	vvay biiio.	
Firearms and dangerous goods	Any firearms acquired overseas require approved U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms (ATF) permit before importing to the U.S.	Same person can import firearms purchased by importer in the U.S. back to the U.S. provided firearms were registered with U.S. Customs before being exported from the United States.	Explosives and other dangerous goods are either prohibited or require special permits.
Pets	Proof of inoculation.	Birds and exotic pets subject to quarantine period.	Make prior telex arrangements with US agent for meeting plane on arrival, clearing, and kennel placement.
Pornographic material, unprocessed furs, skins		Importation prohibited.	Fish and wildlife items are strongly discouraged. Ivory items are prohibited.
Narcotics, drugs, incitements		Importation prohibited.	
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden materials	The USA Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.	Effective as from September 16, 2005, shipments into or out of the USA in wooden packaging, will have to have a Seal, which certifies that the shipment has received the required treatment (HT) Heated Treatment (a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes) or Methyl Bromide Treatment [the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours]). 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. Labels and adhesives are not allowed. The mark should be as follows:	This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of: Raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof Plywood sheets & agglomerated sawdust sheet Oriented wooden fibre sheets Sawdust & Wooden fibre If you have questions, please contact agents in the USA or consult the ISPM publication 15 at: https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status= ND0zNTlyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU 9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmlld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM 9KiYzNz1rb3M~



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		Where XX is the country code, 000 the produce number, YY the treatment type, and AAA the inspection agency logo.	r