Importing Personal Property Into Brazil

Household Goods and Personal Effects

Customs Regulations and Required Documents

NOTE: All documents below must be in our hands at least 5-7 days before arrival of shipment in Brazil and must have all signatures notarized and copies legalized in Brazil or Brazilian representation abroad where shipment is originating.

Customs Regulations:

Clothing, furniture and appliances can be imported duty free. Any kind of new or used household goods or PE can be imported duty free unless otherwise restricted or prohibited below.

Brazilian Returning or Immigrants holding old permanent visa

✓ Must have lived abroad at least 365 days.
✓ Must have supporting documents such as a certificate issued by a Brazilian consulate or the last 13 utilities bills or salary receipts/paychecks
✓ CPF must still be valid. (In some Customs Sections, the address registered in the CPF must be the same as the final destination)

Immigrants with Temporary Visa (Work Visa)

✓ Goods can be imported after visa is authorized by Brazilian authorities and residence permit is already stamped in the passport by Brazilian Federal Police.
✓ Shipment will be c/c under a bond.
✓ Items imported will have to be exported when client leaves Brazil.

NOTE: New items are no longer subject to pay duties

Required Documents:

✓ Notarized copies of passport (all pages), ID and CPF card (Brazilian Social Security Card)
✓ Notarized copy of air ticket on arrival in Brazil
✓ List in Portuguese of goods shipped, with values in USD and signed by shipper
✓ Power of Attorney
✓ Proof of residence in Brazil such as utilities bill or rental contract
✓ Proof of residence abroad for more than 01 year (letter issued by the Consulate at origin or utilities bill, etc).
✓ CPF card number must be mentioned on the OBL for ALL Importers. No exceptions.
✓ Original OBL is required. Brazilian Customs will not accept Telex Releases
✓ Fumigation Certificate sent along with OBLS stating any and all wood crates/boxes, Liftvans/Airvans arriving in containers or single shipments have met fumigation requirements per ISPM 15 rules

NOTE: Client must hand carrier these documents

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FOR SHIPPERS WITH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT VISA'S

✓ The documents listed from #1 to #7; (Obs.: in the passport should be already stamped the visa permission given by our Federal Police);
✓ The publication of the visa on the Brazilian Government Newspaper

Diplomat status

✓ Must apply for a Diplomatic Franchise for Customs to clear goods
✓ For returning Brazilian Diplomats to obtain permit from the Foreign Ministry it takes 10 days.
✓ All demurrage and Port/Airport Expenses related charges are the origin agent's responsibilities. Make sure these charges are included in your proposal
✓ Foreign diplomats or members of International Organizations like UNO, UNESCO, IMF, etc are allowed to import vehicles.
✓ Shipper must be in Brazil before arrival of shipment to apply for the Brazilian documents

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

✓ CPF number is mandatory for any shipment to Brazil
✓ Customs must be in receipt of AWB/OBL plus documents from client, at least 5 days before arrival of cargo.
✓ Customs clearance can only be started after arrival of consignee in Brazil.
✓ Shipments must arrive in Brazil with in 180 days after arrival of shipper.
✓ Air ticket showing arrival of importer in Brazil is a mandatory document for Customs Clearance
✓ Shipments can not clear customs under a Tourist/Business Visa
✓ Wood pack materials must be fumigated
✓ Do Not include any kind of food, beverages or medicines on the shipments
✓ All imports without exceptions pay port/airport storage in Brazil over CIF Value declared in periods of 2 weeks.

RESTRICTED ITEMS

✓ Arms Ammunition, Dangerous Objects - Subject to approval prior to departure from origin country of shipment by Brazilian Army
✓ Liquor, wine, and other beverages, tobacco and cosmetics requires authorization from the Health and Agriculture Ministry and are subject to import duties (aprx. 50% of value)
NOTE: Diplomats may import alcohol duty free

PROHIBITED ITEMS

✓ Live plants, Narcotics, Tins, Food
✓ Vehicles are prohibited for importation for Brazilians or Permanent/Temporary visa holders unless of Diplomat status.

IMPORTATION OF PETS

Dogs, cats and birds may be imported into Brazil if included on the original inventory and are accompanied with the required documentation.

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

✔️ Health Certificates
✔️ Rabies vaccination certificate
✔️ Sanitary certificate issued by a veterinarian duly stamped by the USDA, dated less than one week prior to the pet’s departure.

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