



## Import Customs Guide ECUADOR

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Returning Ecuadorians (non-diplomats)	<p><b>Household Goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Color copy of the importer's citizenship card. current marital status must be visible.</li> <li>▪ Color copy of the importer's passport.</li> <li>▪ Color copy of the importer's granted visa issued by the competent migration authority or other document that accredits the importer's migratory condition.</li> <li>▪ Color copy of the importer's voting certificate.</li> <li>▪ Address where the importer plans to reside. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador. The bill should be of last 3 months prior to the merchandise release.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Color copy of the Ecuadorian passports belonging to the importer's family group.</li> <li>▪ Returning migrant Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sworn statement.</li> <li>▪ Migratory movements</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 3 documents from origin that certify the importer's stay abroad.</li> </ul> <p><b>Work Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefit of tax exemption from import duties on household goods:</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility to the benefit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Returning Migrant Certificate</li> <li>▪ Exemption of taxes benefit must be requested up to a maximum of 5 years after arrival with intention of residing in Ecuador.</li> </ul> <p><b>Conditions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have stayed abroad for more than 2 years.</li> <li>▪ Have not stayed more than 180 days in Ecuador, within the two years prior to the client's return.</li> </ul> <p><b>Limits for 2nd time imports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.</li> <li>▪ Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art, or trade of the importer.</li> <li>▪ "Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligible items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Eligible goods can be new or used as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.</li> <li>▪ Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.</li> <li>▪ Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.</li> <li>▪ All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Identification of goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Packages / items must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.</li> <li>▪ Clothing must be packed separately.</li> <li>▪ A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed.</li> <li>▪ Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USD \$470 Basic salary * 160 = USD \$75,200</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Used Motor vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle</li> <li>Title of ownership</li> <li>Registration</li> <li>License number or equivalent document issued in origin.</li> <li>Customs export declaration number</li> <li>Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.</li> </ul> <p><b>New Motor vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle</li> <li>Title of ownership</li> <li>Vehicle subcategory code</li> <li>Payment receipt</li> <li>Apostilled certificate issued by the dealer.</li> <li>Human mobility certificate</li> <li>Customs export declaration number</li> <li>Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The car or motorcycle will only be considered when shipped under the same Bill of Lading of the household goods.</li> <li>People who left the country for study reasons will not be able to enter a car, only a motorcycle.</li> <li>Vehicle imports should not exceed 80 Basic salaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USD \$470 basic salary * 80 = USD \$37,600</li> </ul> </li> <li>Motorcycle imports should not exceed 25 basic salaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USD \$470 basic salary * 25 = USD \$11,750</li> </ul> </li> <li>In the case of exceeding (vehicles and motorcycles) up to 10 additional basic salaries to those allowed, 100% taxes will be paid on the exceeded amount. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USD \$470 basic salary * 10 = USD \$4,700 exceeded amount.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In case of a used motor vehicle: car/motorcycle acquisition's price will be determined by the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market price of the model's release date (Market price of the model's release date * Yearly depreciation percentage).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Yearly depreciation percentage to be referred to <a href="#">Art. 23</a>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Used Motor vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commercial invoice and title of ownership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can come under the name of the migrant or a member of their family unit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Emission date should be before the importer's arrival</li> </ul> <p><b>New Motor vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle subcategory code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be issued in Ecuador by the SRI.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Certificate issued by the car dealership should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle's general and technical specs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vehicles net value, discounts should be indicated.</li> </ul>

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<b>Foreigners</b>	<p><b>Household Goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Color copy of the importer's passport as well as the passports of its family members.</li> <li>Color copy of the importer and its family's import visa.</li> <li>Original certificate of migratory movements of both the importer and its family members.</li> <li>Documents that justify the visa granted; (either a work contract or an assignment letter).</li> <li>Address where the importer plans to reside. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador.</li> <li>The bills should be of last 3 months prior to the shipment release.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Detailed inventory of the importing goods.</li> </ul> <p><b>Work Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul> <p><b>Vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign citizens would not be able to import cars or motorcycles as part of their Household Goods.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tax exemption access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have a permanent or temporal Visa for a minimum of 2 years.</li> <li>Shipments that arrive up to 1 month before and 6 months after entering Ecuador may be considered as household goods.</li> </ul> <p><b>Limits for 2nd time imports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.</li> <li>Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art or trade of the importer.</li> <li>"Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Importer's visa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In case of not having the visa, the importer can present a specific guarantee : banking, cash, or insurance policy that has a validity of 180 working days and is equivalent to 120% on the eventual taxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Eligible items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible goods can be new or used, as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.</li> <li>Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.</li> <li>Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.</li> <li>All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Identification of goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Packages / suitcases must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.</li> <li>Clothing must be packed separately. A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed.</li> <li>Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USD \$470 basic salary * 160 = USD</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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			<p>\$75,200</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>
Diplomats	<p><b>Household Goods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Color copy of the importer's passport/ ID Card</li> <li>Inventory of legalized goods.</li> <li>Note Verbale issued by the Foreign Ministry for household goods and motor vehicles.</li> <li>Release agreements issued by Customs for household goods and motor vehicles.</li> <li>Diplomatic franchise</li> </ul> <p><b>Vehicles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legalized vehicle's invoice and license number.</li> <li>Vehicle subcategory code</li> <li>To be issued at the SRI.</li> <li>Original invoice or a notarized copy in the name of the importer and the Vehicle's value.</li> <li>Title of ownership.</li> <li>Diplomatic franchise.</li> <li>Whether new or used, the following supporting documents must be attached to the custom declaration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of the export customs declaration, and the value of the vehicle registered, corresponding to the country of departure of the merchandise.</li> <li>Certificate from the dealer or commercial company, which certifies the value of the vehicle with which it went on the market.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Document legalization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecuadorian Diplomats: documentation must be legalized in the Consulate or Embassy from where the shipment comes.</li> <li>Foreign Diplomats: documentation sealed by the diplomatic entity where the official comes to provide its services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of the passport applies for foreign diplomats and ID card for Ecuadorians with diplomatic status.</li> <li>Ecuadorian diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the MOFA.</li> <li>Foreign diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the accredited organism.</li> </ul>

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Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sanitary and vaccine's certificates.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If the pets arrive with the owner, they will be dispatched with the luggage by only presenting the International Health Certificate.</li> <li>▪ If they arrive as cargo, it will be necessary to process the customs clearance and the pets may have to spend the night at customs.</li> </ul>
<b>Wooden crates fumigation - Import/Export</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ecuador adopted the Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging in International Trade (NIMF-15) to standardize the treatment of wood packaging used for the transport of goods.</li> </ul>	



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