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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS

Returning Ecuadorians (non-diplomats)	**Household Goods**
	▪ Color copy of the importer's citizenship card. current marital status must be visible.
	▪ Color copy of the importer's passport.
	▪ Color copy of the importer's granted visa issued by the competent migration authority or other document that accredits the importer's migratory condition.
	▪ Color copy of the importer's voting certificate.
	▪ Address where the importer plans to reside.
	  ▪ 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.
	▪ Color copy of the Ecuadorian passports belonging to the importer's family group.
	▪ Returning migrant Certificate:
	  ▪ Sworn statement.
	  ▪ Migratory movements
	▪ 3 documents from origin that certify the importer's stay abroad.
	
	Work Equipment
	▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.
		Benefit of tax exemption from import duties on household goods:
		
		Eligibility to the benefit
		▪ Returning Migrant Certificate
		▪ Exemption of taxes benefit must be requested up to a maximum of 5 years after arrival with intention of residing in Ecuador.
		
		Conditions
		▪ Have stayed abroad for more than 2 years.
		▪ Have not stayed more than 180 days in Ecuador, within the two years prior to the client's return.
		
		Limits for 2nd time imports
		▪ Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.
		▪ Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art, or trade of the importer.
		▪ "Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.
			Eligible items
			▪ Eligible goods can be new or used as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.
			▪ Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.
			▪ Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.
			▪ All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.
			
			Identification of goods
			▪ Packages / items must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.
			▪ 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.
			▪ Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:
			  ▪ USD $470 Basic salary * 160 = USD $75,200
			▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.

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	Used Motor vehicles
	▪ Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle
	▪ Title of ownership
	▪ Registration
	▪ License number or equivalent document issued in origin.
	▪ Customs export declaration number
	▪ Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.
	
	New Motor vehicles
	▪ Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle
	▪ Title of ownership
	▪ Vehicle subcategory code
	▪ Payment receipt
	▪ Apostilled certificate issued by the dealer.
	▪ Human mobility certificate
	▪ Customs export declaration number
	▪ Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.
		▪ The car or motorcycle will only be considered when shipped under the same Bill of Lading of the household goods.
		▪ People who left the country for study reasons will not be able to enter a car, only a motorcycle.
		▪ Vehicle imports should not exceed 80 Basic salaries:
		  ▪ USD $470 basic salary * 80 = USD $37,600
		▪ Motorcycle imports should not exceed 25 basic salaries:
		  ▪ USD $470 basic salary * 25 = USD $11,750
		▪ 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.
		  ▪ USD $470 basic salary * 10 = USD $4,700 exceeded amount.
		▪ In case of a used motor vehicle: car/motorcycle acquisition's price will be determined by the following criteria:
		  ▪ Market price of the model's release date (Market price of the model's release date
		  * Yearly depreciation percentage).
		
		▪ Yearly depreciation percentage to be referred to Art. 23.
			Used Motor vehicles
			▪ Commercial invoice and title of ownership:
			  ▪ Can come under the name of the migrant or a member of their family unit.
			  ▪ Emission date should be before the importer's arrival
			
			New Motor vehicles
			▪ Vehicle subcategory code
			  ▪ Should be issued in Ecuador by the SRI.
			▪ Certificate issued by the car dealership should include:
			  ▪ Vehicle's general and technical specs.
			▪ Vehicles net value, discounts should be indicated.

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Foreigners	**Household Goods**
	▪ Color copy of the importer's passport as well as the passports of its family members.
	▪ Color copy of the importer and its family's import visa.
	▪ Original certificate of migratory movements of both the importer and it's family members.
	▪ Documents that justify the visa granted; (either a work contract or an assignment letter).
	▪ Address where the importer plans to reside.
	  ▪ Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador.
	  ▪ The bills should be of last 3 months prior to the shipment release.
	▪ Detailed inventory of the importing goods.
	
	Work Equipment
	▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.
	
	Vehicles
	▪ Foreign citizens would not be able to import cars or motorcycles as part of their Household Goods.
		Tax exemption access
		▪ Must have a permanent or temporal Visa for a minimum of 2 years.
		▪ Shipments that arrive up to 1 month before and 6 months after entering Ecuador may be considered as household goods.
		
		Limits for 2nd time imports
		▪ Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation.
		▪ Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art or trade of the importer.
		▪ "Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.
			Importer's visa
			▪ 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.
			
			Eligible items
			▪ Eligible goods can be new or used, as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.
			▪ Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.
			▪ Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.
			▪ All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.
			
			Identification of goods
			▪ Packages / suitcases must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.
			
			▪ 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.
			
			▪ Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:
			  ▪ USD $470 basic salary * 160 = USD

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			$75,200 ▪ Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.
Diplomats	**Household Goods** ▪ Color copy of the importer's passport/ ID Card ▪ Inventory of legalized goods. ▪ Note Verbale issued by the Foreign Ministry for household goods and motor vehicles. ▪ Release agreements issued by Customs for household goods and motor vehicles. ▪ Diplomatic franchise **Vehicles** ▪ Legalized vehicle's invoice and license number. ▪ Vehicle subcategory code ▪ To be issued at the SRI. ▪ Original invoice or a notarized copy in the name of the importer and the Vehicle's value. ▪ Title of ownership. ▪ Diplomatic franchise. ▪ Whether new or used, the following supporting documents must be attached to the custom declaration: ▪ The number of the export customs declaration, and the value of the vehicle registered, corresponding to the country of departure of the merchandise. ▪ Certificate from the dealer or commercial company, which certifies the value of the vehicle with which it went on the market.	**Document legalization** ▪ Ecuadorian Diplomats: documentation must be legalized in the Consulate or Embassy from where the shipment comes. ▪ Foreign Diplomats: documentation sealed by the diplomatic entity where the official comes to provide its services.	▪ Copy of the passport applies for foreign diplomats and ID card for Ecuadorians with diplomatic status. ▪ Ecuadorian diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the MOFA. ▪ Foreign diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the accredited organism.

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Pets	▪ Sanitary and vaccine's certificates.		▪ If the pets arrive with the owner, they will be dispatched with the luggage by only presenting the International Health Certificate. ▪ 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.
Wooden crates fumigation - Import/Export		▪ 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.	

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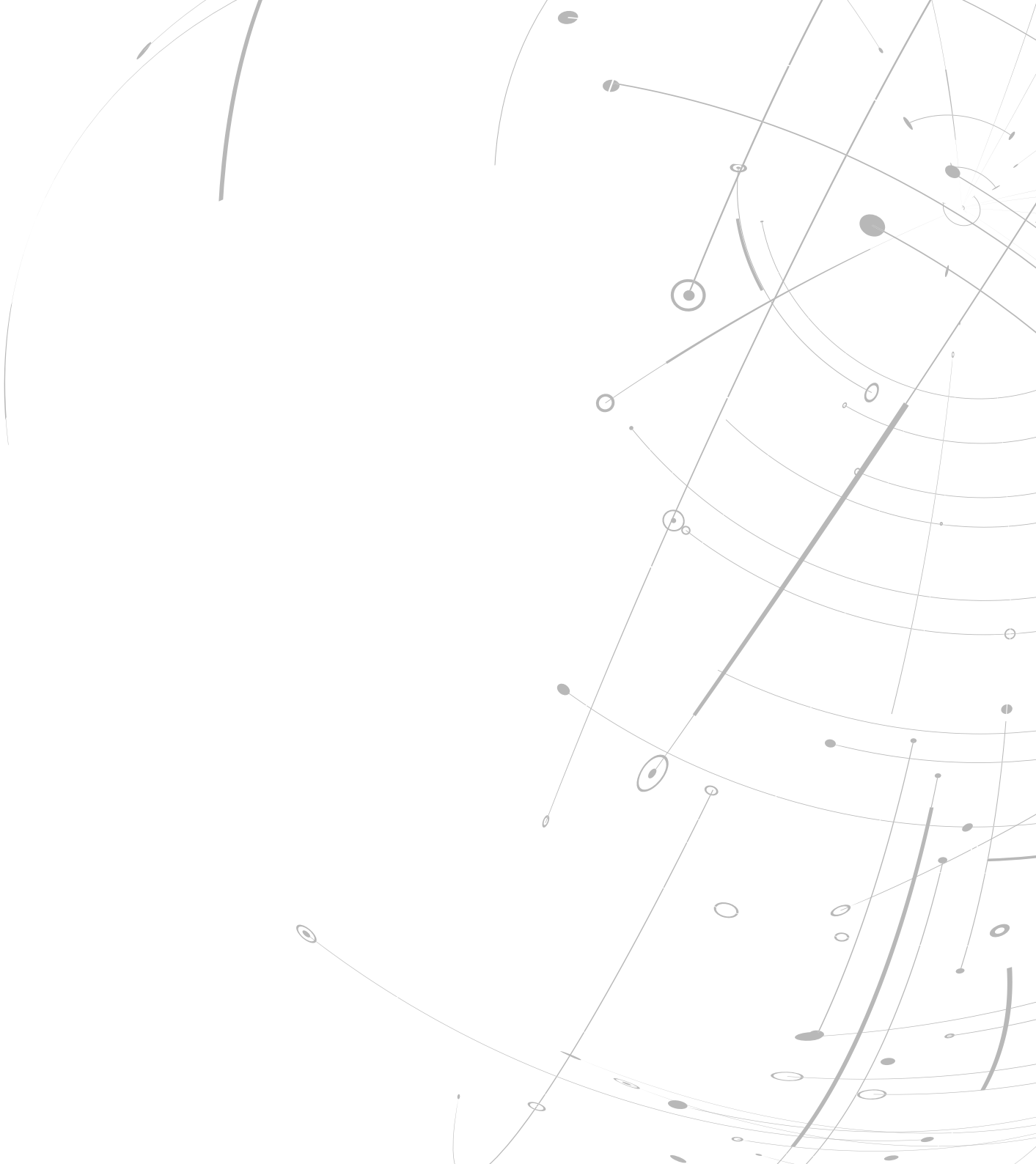

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