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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS

Used Household Goods	▪ Valid passport showing recent entry stamp of Venezuelan immigration officer.
	▪ Descriptive Inventory with PBO's contents listed.
	▪ Certificate of Use, duly stamped by Venezuelan Consulate in origin, only if shipper is a returning Venezuelan citizen after having lived abroad for at least one year.
	▪ Work letter from employer is helpful when the client is a foreign city that works for a company or an account locally.
	▪ 2 originals OBLs/AWB.
	▪ Copies of purchase invoices for all new items in the shipment.
	▪ Signature of consignee on Customs forms.
	▪ Copy of the updated consignee's RIF (Fiscal Information Registry) document and also (if client is a returning Venezuelan) the Venezuelan Id document or cedula (also updated). This is required for both import and export shipments. Air imports require notarization of a power of attorney. Depending on status of consignee, sea imports may also require it.
		▪ Goods must be labelled and identified as per declared on BL/AWB – as per Venezuelan Customs Organic Law in article nb 105: " all packages (boxes, pallets, etc.) must indicate the following information:
		  ▪ the quantity of packages (if they are more than 1 box must be numbered, that is, if there are 15 boxes, the label must reflect 1/15, 2/15, 3/15.... 15/15),
		  ▪ ssupplier's name,
		  ▪ consignee's name,
		  ▪ BL Number,
		  ▪ Marks or Any information that reflects the original BL.
		▪ Venezuelan Customs and Bolivariana de Puertos authorities may declare the merchandise of the client as 'Missing and Surplus' if when unloading the goods for inspection, those are not properly identified (by labeling).
		  ▪ This will result in delays and fines for which the local agent at destination cannot be held responsible.
		▪ Used Household Goods, including furniture, electrical appliances ... fall into this category.
		
		▪ Importation is free of duties and taxes for returning Venezuelan citizens only if:
			▪ Customs clearance is rigorous and demanding. Most shipments are inspected.
			
			▪ Returning Venezuelans and Residents must obtain Certificate of Use before they leave the country of origin.
			  ▪ If no certificate is presented to Customs, shipment will be subject to payment of duties. Certificates cannot be obtained locally.
			
			▪ All clients must arrive in Venezuela before the shipment in order to avoid problems with the customs.

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		▪ They have obtained the stamped Certificate of Use at the Venezuelan Consulate in origin. ▪ If the Customs official is satisfied that the contents are used household goods. ▪ The Customs officer and the National Guard will carefully inspect most shipments. ▪ All others pay import duties and taxes, except diplomats. ▪ Duties range from 5 to 40 % of the CIF value. ▪ Import tax is 1 % of the CIF value. ▪ VAT is 16 % of the sum of the CIF value, duties and taxes. For all shipments may apply ▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT (just import shipment). ▪ Social Fee € 100.00. ▪ Non-residents with a "TRANSEUNTE VISA3 (Business, Investor, Student, Work, etc.) are NOT eligible to obtain the Certificate of Use at the Venezuelan Consulates or Embassies located in the origin country, in order to avoid payment of import customs duties and taxes on household goods and personnel effects. ▪ The household goods and personnel effects have been used for at least during six (6) months and show use.	
Unaccompanied air shipment	▪ Same as above.	▪ Same as above.	▪ If Certificate of Use is not available, the client will be requested to pay duties, taxes and VAT.

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Diplomatic shipments	▪ Diplomatic franchise and verbal note. ▪ Diplomat accreditation issued by the MFA ▪ Packing inventory. ▪ Signature of consignee on Customs forms. ▪ Passport. ▪ 2 OBL's/AWB.	▪ Respective Embassy must supply the diplomatic franchise before customs clearance. ▪ Diplomats may include small amount of liquor, food or medicine in their shipments, however for large amounts a note requesting permission is to be submitted at the MFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) confirming the amount of these specific items (food, medicine or liquor).	▪ Due to long process to obtain, the diplomatic franchise, storage charges and high container demurrage fees will be incurred.
Antiques (in Household Goods shipment)	▪ Same documents as in normal Household Goods shipment ▪ Stamped Certificate of Use.		▪ Documented antiques pay high duties and taxes when shipped separately.
Alcohol (in household goods and luggage shipments)	▪ Prohibited without Sanitation Permit.	▪ Specific rule for Diplomats – see under 'Diplomatic shipments' section.	▪ Confiscation may occur if rule is not complied with.
Food (in Household Goods shipment)	▪ Prohibited without Sanitation Permit.		▪ Confiscation may occur if rule is not complied with.
Vehicles – For Diplomats	▪ Original passport. ▪ 3 Original OBL/AWB. ▪ Original invoice. ▪ Original Certificate of Title. ▪ Customs letters. ▪ RIF of Embassy. ▪ Certificate of Origin. ▪ 4 pictures of auto (one per side or per each profile of the car). ▪ Picture of Serial Motor. ▪ Diplomatic franchise.		

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Used vehicles – For Non-Diplomats	▪ Original passport. ▪ 3 original OBL's. ▪ Original invoice. ▪ Original Registration Title. ▪ Original Certificate of Use duly stamped by Venezuelan Consulate at origin. ▪ Consignee' signature on Customs form supplied by the mover. ▪ RIF document (Venezuela tax payers registration document) and ID document-cedula (both updated). ▪ Certificate of Origin. ▪ 4 pictures of auto (one per side or per each profile of the car). ▪ Picture of Serial Motor.	▪ Returning Venezuelan citizens only may import used cars after living abroad for at least one year and after having purchased the car at least 11 months in advance of import to Venezuela. ▪ If the value of the car when brand new was over US$ 20,000, duties will be 35 % of the CIF value based on the present day value as dictated by the tax office (Seniat). ▪ Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. ▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT. ▪ Social Fee € 100.00. ▪ Non-residents can NOT apply for a certificate of Use - they cannot import their used car.	▪ Customs Office determines the value. ▪ The value for Customs purposes is not necessarily the value indicated on the original invoice. ▪ The shipper MUST determine the value of the car at the tax office (Seniat) in Caracas before shipping the vehicle. ▪ The tax office will assign (1) a present day value to the car and (2) the value when it was brand new. ▪ Vehicle imported duty free cannot be sold for a period of 3 years. ▪ Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the consignee must present the COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and car may be confiscated. ▪ These permits are to be obtained in Venezuela prior to arrival of vehicle.
New and used vehicles (under a temporary import permit)	▪ Application to Customs Office requesting a temporary import permit. ▪ Remaining documents same as for used vehicles, except Certificate of Use.	▪ Only after the permit is granted vehicle may be shipped to Venezuela. ▪ Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. ▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT. ▪ Social Fee € 100.00.	▪ For release from Customs, a bond may be posted through a local insurance company or a deposit may be made for the value of the duties. ▪ Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the shipper must present the COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and car may be confiscated. ▪ These permits are to be obtained in Venezuela, prior to arrival of vehicle. ▪ The temporary import permit is valid for 6 months. A request may be filed with Customs to extend the permit for one additional six months period, after which the car must be exported. Only valid for tourists

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			and/or holders of transit visas.
New vehicles	▪ Original passport. ▪ Original purchase invoice notarised at origin. ▪ 2 original OBLs/AWBs. ▪ Original title. ▪ Consignee's signature on Customs forms. ▪ Consignee's RIF document.	▪ Import tax is 1% of the CIF value. ▪ Import duties are 40 % of the CIF value. ▪ VAT is 16 % of the sum of the CIF value, duties and taxes. ▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT. ▪ Social Fee € 100.00.	▪ The vehicle must be brand new (no miles). ▪ The shipper must be at least 18 years old and he must be in Venezuela when the auto arrives. ▪ Before shipping a car to Venezuela (2000 model or over), the shipper must present the COVENIN and SENORCA permits to Customs, otherwise clearance will be delayed and car may be confiscated. ▪ These permits are to be obtained in Venezuela prior to arrival of vehicle.
Motorcycles	▪ Original purchase invoice. ▪ Original passport of consignee. ▪ Shipper's signature on Customs form. ▪ Shipper's RIF document. ▪ Original Certificate of Origin. ▪ Pictures of motorcycle ▪ Picture of motorcycle Serial Motor ▪ 3 original OBLs/AWBs. ▪ NIV, homologation, sworn declaration informing the origin of the funds for the acquisition of the goods (motorbike).	▪ Only new motorcycles might be imported by returning Venezuelans. ▪ Only diplomatic can import used motorcycles. ▪ The motorbike will pay 55% of import duties (approx.). ▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT. ▪ Social Fee € 100.00.	▪ The motorcycle must be brand new (no miles). ▪ Certificate of Use issued by Venezuelan Consulate at origin for Venezuelan or returning residents is not valid for importing motorcycles.
Motorcycles - For Diplomats	▪ Original purchase invoice. ▪ Original passport of shipper. ▪ Consignee's signature on Customs form. ▪ Consignee's RIF document. ▪ Certificate of Origin. ▪ Pictures of motorcycle. ▪ Picture of motorcycle Serial Motor. ▪ Original diplomatic franchise.	▪ Council tax 0.12% CIF value. ▪ Container Disinfection Fee € 50.00+ 16% VAT. ▪ Social Fee € 100.00.	▪ Due to long process in obtaining the franchise, storage charges might occur.

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Prohibited items		▪ Firearms drugs. ▪ Pornographic material. ▪ Food. ▪ Liquor. ▪ Drugs. ▪ Pornographic material. ▪ Tires. ▪ Plants. ▪ Diapers. ▪ Detergents.	▪ For firearms, apply to the Ministry of Defence before shipping. Prohibited in household goods shipments. ▪ These items may be confiscated if detected. ▪ PBO are not accepted, all items must show contents.
Fumigation of wood packaging		▪ All imports and exports containing wooden crates, lift vans etc must have the seal that certifies the treatment by Bromade Methyl (BM) or Heated Treatment (HT). ▪ Any import coming into the country without the certification will be returned to the country of origin. ▪ This norm does not apply to paper products.	
General remark			▪ Shippers must realise that on their door-to-door shipments, duties, taxes, VAT, deconsolidation fees, airport and airline handling and storage, port fees, container rental and hoisting are not included in the prepaid destination services charge. ▪ Customs clearance is normally included. ▪ The shipper must be in the country when his shipment arrives in case the customs office wants to see his passport. ▪ No values should be declared on the

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			shipping documents nor on the certificate of use, stamped by the Venezuelan Consulate at origin.

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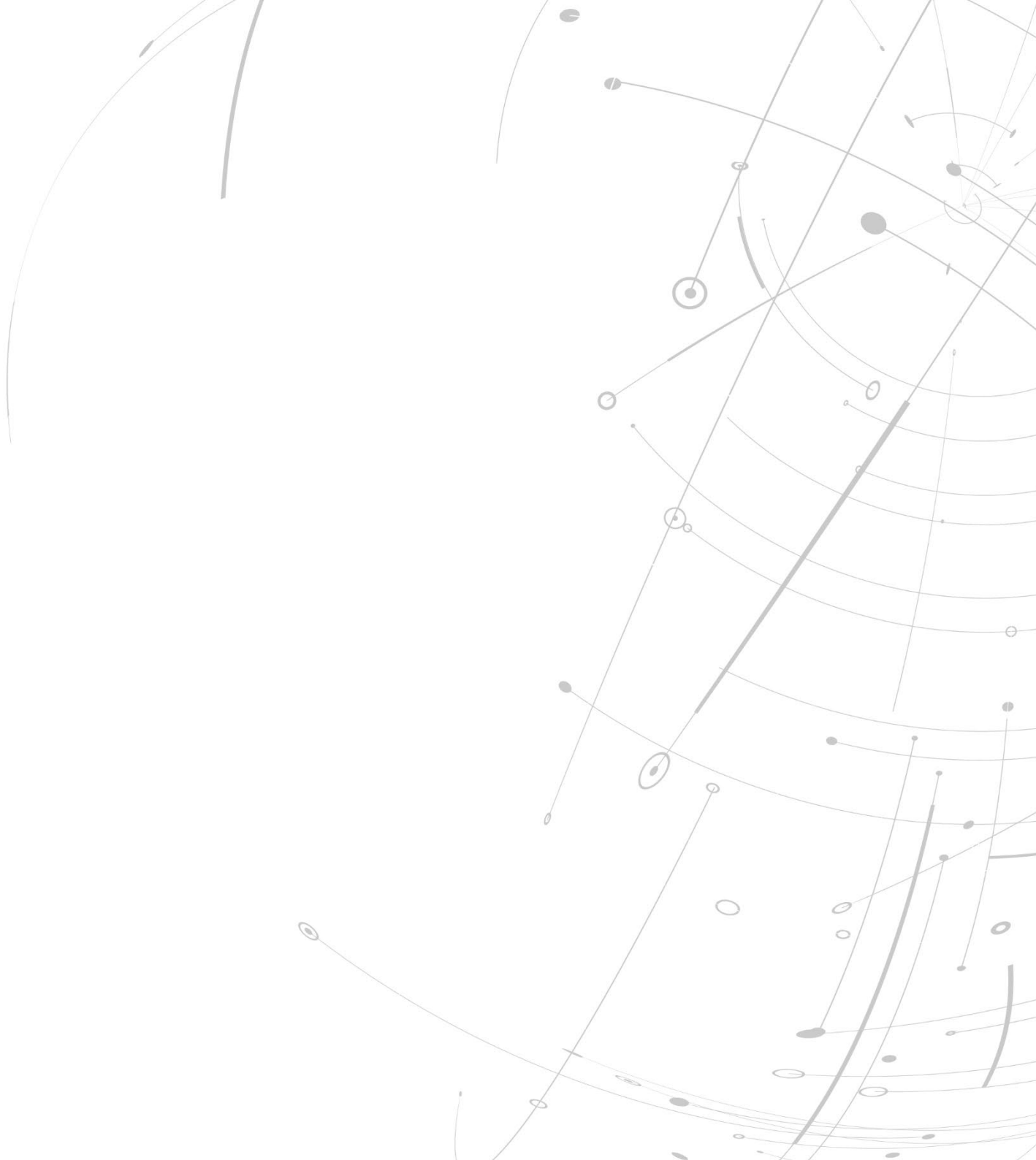

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