



MEXICO CUSTOMS INFORMATION FOREIGN CITIZENS



DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

FOREIGN CITIZENS FM2

FOREIGN CITIZENS FM3

- **FM2 IMMIGRANT WORKING VISA**
 - Copy of Visa (FM-2)
 - Original and two carbon copies of consularized inventory list in Spanish stamped by Mexican Consulate at the place of origin. Inventory must include mark, model, and serial number of major electrical appliances. **It is very important that you make sure that each sheet of the Consularized Inventory contains the seal of the Mexican Consulate as well as the consular letter must be sealed and signed by the Consul and customer, too.**
 - Declaratory Letter addressed to Customs Authorities at the port of entry declaring that all goods are used and that prohibited articles such as firearms, ammunition, wines, drugs, etc, are not included.
 - Manifestation of Value Form signed by shipper.
 - Compromise Letter addressed to Customs Authorities at the port of entry.
- **FM3 IMMIGRANT WORKING VISA**
 - Copy of Visa (FM-3)
 - Inventory List in Spanish typed and signed by owner of shipment. Inventory must include mark, model, and serial number of major electrical appliances.
 - Declaratory letter addressed to Customs Authorities at the port of entry declaring that all goods are used and that prohibited articles such as firearms, ammunition, wines, drugs, etc. are not included.
 - Manifestation of Value Form.
 - Compromise Letter
 - Solidarity Letter (this letter must be provided by shipper's Company established in Mexico). This means that the company is responsible for the duties and taxes if the shipment is not re-exported when the employee leaves the country.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

According to Mexican Laws, in order to be able to import household goods free of import duties, the following rules must be followed:

- The goods must be used at least six months old.
- That all articles must be included in the Inventory consularized by the Mexican Consulate. Any item not included in the inventory, can be expropriated by Mexican Government.
- The following items are not considered household goods; firearms, ammunition, liquors wine , motorcycles, boats, cars, medicine, and some pantry may require an import license, please contact us for specific information.



MEXICO CUSTOMS INFORMATION RETURNING CITIZENS



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RETURNING RESIDENTS FORMS

- Copy of Mexican Passport
- Original and two carbon copies of consularized inventory list in Spanish stamped by Mexican Consulate at the place of origin. Inventory must include mark, model, and serial number of major electrical appliances. **It is very important that you make sure that each sheet of the Consularized Inventory contains the seal of the Mexican Consulate as well as the consular letter must be sealed and signed by the Consul and customer, too.**
- Declaratory Letter addressed to Customs Authorities at the port of entry declaring that all goods are used and that prohibited articles such as firearms, ammunition, wines, drugs, etc, are not included.
- Manifestation of Value Form signed by shipper.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The time of residence abroad of shipper can not be less than two years in order to be considered as a REPATRIATE.

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Due to our port; Mexican Customs Warehouses are saturated with merchandise, the shipments in liftvans or steel containers are placed in the open, therefore it is recommended that:

- All containers either coming by air, by land, or by sea must be perfectly well protected against rain. The roofs covered with plate and the furniture with waterproof paper.

It is recommended not to ship household goods until all documentation is completed and in order. the airports allow only 30 days to release or return shipment from the time of it's arrival. All other

ports hold the shipment for 60 calendar days. If the documentation is not presented by that time the shipment is declared as "ABANDONED" and is confiscated by Mexican Government.

Now, new items can be imported into Mexico with payment of corresponding duties/taxes. Original invoices must be presented together with the proper documents for customs clearance, of course, also new items should be included in Legalized Inventory List.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The above is only for shipments coming through Nvo. Laredo, Tamps., but not other ports of entry. Please contact your destination if information for importing new items by other ports is required.

The shipments consigned to Mexico City Terminal are handled directly by the steamship companies and their own transportation system. Consequently, control of the shipment is lost and it is unknown when the shipments arrive in Mexico City. Therefore, it is suggested that shipments are sent to port of entry only, allowing our own trailers, operators, and un-packers to transport the shipment. Following this system we will be able to control the return of empty containers to the port of entrance avoiding unnecessary demurrage charges.

Please do not include wine, spirits, or any alcoholic beverages as it is prohibited at all ports of entry. Please note that if wines and liquors are found in household goods, the customs negotiations may be delayed and extra handling fees will be assessed for taking out the wine and keeping it in Customs dominium until the customer gets the corresponding import permit and then pays the duties/taxes.

There are 60 days starting from the date the vessel arrives to the port of entry for releasing the wine. After those 60 days wine is confiscated by the Mexican Government.

We guarantee demurrage to the different steamship lines. Therefore, cash deposits from the customer are not required. In case of demurrage charges, they will be collected from customer before delivery.

An airfreight shipment can be sent containing personal effects such as clothing, books, shoes, personal toilette articles, and a portable TV. The shipment should not exceed 50 kilograms per each family's member and customer has to provide:

- Photocopies of passports for the whole family
- A list of items in Spanish
- Photocopies of airline tickets for the whole family

DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

New items pay duties and taxes and must be declared and valued before clearing customs. New items can be imported only through Laredo, Texas.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Cars
- Boats
- Motorcycles
- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Liquors

- Wine
- Plants
- Drugs
- Food
- Medicine

MOTOR VEHICLES

Cars can be imported into Mexico temporarily, contact destination agent for information, it is on a case by case basis.

Mexicans are not allowed to import used cars.

PETS

Pets (dogs and cats) require the following:

- Vaccination Carnet
- Health Certificate issued with 5 days before date of arrival to Mexico
- Copy of owner's passport

We recommend not to send pets on the weekend and advance copies of documents by e-mail or fax before sending pets.

NOTE - Customs regulations are subject to change at any time. The proceeding information is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to this destination and is being provided for general guidance to assist our Agents and Customers. Since such regulations are subject to change without notice, cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays, or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance. Always double check with your local embassy or consulate.