



## Importing Personal Property Into

# CHILE

### IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### DUTY-FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

- Goods previously exported from Chile can be re-imported duty-free.
- Foreigners who hold a temporary visa or a work visa for more than one year can import up to US\$5,000 worth of household goods duty free.
- If the shipper has been granted diplomatic status within the last 12 months, up to US\$80,000 worth of household goods may be imported duty free.
- Returning Chilean citizens who held residence abroad for at least 6 months can import up to US\$500.00 worth of household goods duty free.
- Returning Chilean citizens who held residence abroad for more than one year can import up to US\$3,000.00 worth of household goods duty free.
- Returning Chilean citizens who held residence abroad for more than 5 years can import up to US\$5,000 worth of household goods duty free.

#### **Notes:**

- The shipper must be in Chile prior to the shipment's arrival. No exceptions are granted.
- Shipment must arrive within 120 days of shipper's arrival.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill
- ✓ Passports of all family members
- ✓ Visa
- ✓ Work Contract
- ✓ Power of Attorney

- ✓ An inventory of all electrical items listing the brands of each item.
- ✓ Signed, legible packing list in English or Spanish, with no values included for Customs purposes.
  - List the following information for each item on the inventory: trademarks, model numbers, serial numbers, description of items, materials that the item is made of, and year of acquisition.
- ✓ Returning Chilean nationals require:
  - A Chilean identification card
  - Departure documents

#### RESTRICTED/DUTIBALE ITEMS

- Meat products, flowers, fruits and vegetables require certificates legalized by a Chilean consulate.
- Firearms (for sporting use ONLY) require a permit obtained from the Weapons Control Bureau. Item will be held at customs until permit arrives.
- Alcohol and tobacco products
- New furniture is subject to duties and requires invoices.
- Caviar
- Pearls
- Synthetic furs
- Uncut precious, semi-precious or synthetic stones

#### PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Drugs
- Pornographic materials
- Meat products that are not canned
- Products made from endangered species
- Automatic and semi-automatic guns

## **IMPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES AND PETS**

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### **IMPORTATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

- All vehicles are subject to very high duties and taxes.
- Diplomats, foreign diplomatic personnel or returning Chilean diplomats are exempted from paying duties (limit 1 vehicle).
- Duties are based upon make, model, year, engine's cubic capacity, transmission type, extras and purchase value.
- Only returning Chilean citizens are permitted to import used vehicles.
- NO used motorcycles are allowed.
- Non-diplomatic shippers will pay full import duties, approximately 34% of the vehicles value for used and new vehicles.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Original purchase invoice
- ✓ Endorsed original bill of lading
- ✓ Vehicle identification certificate
- ✓ Ownership Certificate
- ✓ Chilean Identification Card, if applicable.
- ✓ International police certificate
- ✓ Final cost certificate
- ✓ Internal tax receipt
- ✓ Passport

### **IMPORTATION OF PETS**

- Dogs and cats are allowed importation into Chile with an International Health Certificate.
- Chile has no quarantine requirements.
- If pet arrives unaccompanied, duties must be paid.

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

- ✓ Health Certificate legalized by a Chilean consulate.
- ✓ Vaccination Certificate legalized by a Chilean consulate.
- ✓ Invoice stating pet's name, breed, weight, color and value for Customs purposes.

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