



## Customs Regulations

### **1. CHILEAN CITIZENS COMING BACK TO CHILE**

Chilean citizens coming back to Chile, won't have to pay duties or taxes for the following items:

- Household goods that have been out of the country for 6 months to one year, with a FOB value up to USD \$500.
- Household goods and / or work tools belonging to Chilean citizens that have been out of Chile for one to five years, with a FOB value up to USD \$3000.
- Household goods and / or work tools belonging to Chilean citizens that have been out of Chile for more than five years, with a FOB value up to USD \$5000.

*Notes:*

The FOB value for this purpose is the regular price of the used goods in the country of origin, including discounts for years of use.

This benefit is applicable to the following goods:

- Used household goods and personal effects.
- Coming from the country of residence
- Acquired prior to arrival to Chile
- Not for commercial use
- Meant for family use, that includes spouse and children.

These goods should be brought into Chile at the same time as their owner, or 120 days prior / after his arrival.

One same person cannot use this benefit again, for 3 years.

### **2. FOREIGN CITIZENS WITH A TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA**

Foreign citizens coming to Chile, won't have to pay duties or taxes for the following items:

- Household goods with a FOB value up to USD \$5000.
- For working tools they will have to pay a customs tax of 6% over customs value, excluding VAT.

*Notes:*

The FOB value for this purpose is the regular price of the used goods in the country of origin, including discounts for years of use.

This benefit is applicable to the following goods:

- Used household goods and personal effects
- Coming from the country of residence
- Acquired prior to arrival to Chile
- Not for commercial use
- Meant for family use, this includes spouse and children.

These goods should be brought into Chile at the same time as their owner, or 120 days prior / after his arrival.

One same person cannot use this benefit again, for 3 years.

Other goods will have to pay taxes for 6% and VAT for 19%.

Documents Required:

- Original Inventory (typed in English or Spanish)
- Original Passport with visa stamped (visa for more than one year)
- Original OBL – AWB

### **3. DIPLOMATS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS**

Chilean diplomats returning from abroad, including Officials of the Defense Department and the Foreign Affairs Department Can import USED Household goods valued up to US\$ 25.000 (FOB value) exempt of duties and taxes.

Documents required:

- Original Inventory (in English or Spanish)
- Original Passport
- Original B/L – AWB

This set of documents must be endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chile. This in addition to the valued inventory are necessary for Customs.

#### **Chileans Working for International Organizations**

I.e., World Bank, International Monetary Fund, E.S.O. CEPAL, United Nations.

Can import USED Household goods valued up to US\$ 25.000 (FOB value) exempt of duties and taxes.

Documents required:

- Original Inventory (in English or Spanish)
- Original Passport
- Original B/L – AWB
- Certificate of residence abroad (this certificate must be issued by the employing international organization and must indicate the specific office where the staff member worked and the salary earned).
- Original employment contract or appointment letter.

### **Foreign Diplomats and Officials of International Organizations Coming to Chile**

Foreign diplomats can import new or used household goods. The amount of the tax-free import franchise will depend on the official's status.

Documents required:

- Original Inventory (in English or Spanish)
- Original Passport
- Original B/L – AWB
- The Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs will provide a license for duty free import, upon request of the Organization or Embassy.
- The embassy or international organization should submit a pro-forma invoice, a valued inventory, and the permission letter for customs procedures.

### *Vehicles*

Foreign diplomats can import a new or used vehicle, without having to pay duties or taxes. Diplomatic officials can import used cars with a temporary permit, but only cars not older than one year and must have the authorization of Embassy or International Organization in Chile.

The value of the vehicle must be within the total permitted by the authorization of Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please check with us prior to importing the car.

A commercial Invoice is required for the import of vehicles.

## **4. VEHICLES**

Chilean citizens who have been out of the country for a year or more, can import one car, whether used or new, paying certain duties and taxes. The time out of Chile should be without interruptions, and should be proven with a Travel Certificate issued by International Police in Chile. In specially qualified cases, the time out of Chile can have some interruptions:

- Maximum time for interruption: 30 days per year spent abroad, for Chilean citizens that have been abroad from 1 to 5 years; or

- Maximum time for interruption: 60 days per year spent abroad, for Chilean citizens that have been abroad for more than 5 years.

Vehicles that can be imported, all models not older than 1994 models, and complying with emission control regulations:

- Family cars, station wagons, vans, jeeps, and similar.
- Trailer houses.
- Pick up trucks, regular trucks.
- New vehicles can be imported by foreign citizens, paying certain duties and taxes for the import. Car must comply with emission control regulations.

Note: The importation of used motorcycles is forbidden.

### **Foreign Citizens**

Only new vehicles can be imported by foreign citizens, paying certain duties and taxes for the import. Car must comply with emission control regulations.

## **5. WEAPONS**

The importation of the following weapons is forbidden:

- Long weapons whose barrels have been cut.
- Short weapons of any caliber that function completely automatically.
- Fantasy-like weapons, meaning those that appear to be harmless.
- Machine-guns, sub-machine guns, and similar, or any other automatic or semi-automatic weapons with high destructive power or effectiveness, whether because of its power, of the caliber of its projectiles, or because of its aiming devices.

Requirements for the Importation of Weapons into Chile

a. UNREGISTERED WEAPONS IMPORTER (CASUAL):

1. Request of Authorization for Importation

Anyone who wants to import weapons or/and ammunition, for private use, should request authorization from the Dirección General de Movilización Nacional, enclosing the following documents:

- Application Form (obtained from the DGMN).
- Pro-forma Invoice.
- Records certificate.
- Catalog referring to the specific weapon model.

Also, pay the current import fee.

## 2. Documents for Authorization for Importation

Once the first request has been authorized, importation should be requested to the Dirección General de Movilización Nacional, enclosing the following documents:

- Application Form (obtained from the DGMN).
- Copy of the final invoice.
- List of the weapons to be imported, mentioning kind or type, model, make, caliber, and serial number.

Also, pay the current import fee.

### b. WEAPONS IMPORTATION AS ACCOMPANIED LUGGAGE ( WITHOUT PREVIOUS IMPORTATION)

This happens when someone arrives from abroad bringing weapons along or with his/her household goods. In this case importation should be required to the Dirección General de Movilización Nacional, enclosing the following documents:

- Application Form (obtained from the DGMN).
- Copy of the customs document of retention.
- For Chilean citizens: copy of records certificate.
- For foreign citizens: certificate of honorableness, obtained at their Embassy.
- Copy of the invoice (if available)

Also, pay the current import fee.

### c. TEMPORARY IMPORTATION

This is the case of a foreign hunter or sportsman, who wishes to bring weapons for hunting or for participation in some tournament.

His/her representative in Chile, should request permission for temporary importation to the DGMN, through the corresponding authority from the hunting area, or the place where the tournament will be held, indicating the following information:

- Identification of the representative: full name, occupation, Rut (ID number), address and phone number.
- Identification of the hunter/sportsman: full name, Rut or Passport number, estimated dates of entry and departure from Chile, address in Chile, Customs office for entry and departure.
- Also indicate: number of weapons (max. 2 per person) and description, including type, make, model, caliber and serial number. Importation of long/short automatic weapons or long semi-automatic weapons is not allowed. For long barrel weapons and rifled barrel, caliber can not exceed .308 or 7,62 mm. Indicate ammunition too.

For further information please check: [www.dgmn.cl](http://www.dgmn.cl)