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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte"</li> <li>Packing list in English or Spanish.</li> <li>Detailed list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics.</li> <li>Original or Copy of shipper's passport (front page)</li> </ul>	Foreigners will have to pay for import duties.  Costa Rican citizens who have lived abroad a minimum of 24 months may apply for partial tax exemption.  Returning Costa Ricans wanting to apply for partial tax exemption, need to bring a certification from the Costa Rican consulate at the origin country, indicating number of years lived abroad.  Other formalities for this status must be made in Costa Rica.	Customs clearance will take approximately 8 working days once shipment has arrived to the bonded warehouse in San José. It is a requirement that the number of pieces and weight reported on the B/L matches with the real number of pieces and weight; otherwise, Customs will apply a fine of 500 USD and there will be a delay in Customs process from 4 to 6 weeks.  A physical inspection, to verify that there will be no differences between the quantities and weights declared on the shipping documents and the real ones is mandatory by Costa Rican customs authorities.
Diplomats' Removals	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte"</li> <li>Packing list in English or Spanish.</li> <li>Tax exemption</li> <li>Copy of shipper's passport (front page) and Diplomatic ID</li> </ul>	Duty free entry.	Shipper must be registered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.  Tax exemption process must be done directly by the shipper's entity.  Import of Wine and Alcohol is permitted; quantity will depend on the annual allowance agreed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and each Embassy.
Wedding trousseaux	Same as household goods removal.	Subject to taxes payment.	
Inheritance	Same as above.	Subject to taxes payment.	



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New Furniture and household goods	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>Packing list or inventory.</li> <li>Original invoices.</li> <li>Copy of shipper's passport (front page).</li> </ul>	Subject to taxes payment, except those with tax exemption (when applies).	
Works of Art & Antiques	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>Invoices if any (not needed if part of household goods shipment).</li> <li>Packing list or inventory.</li> <li>Copy of shipper's passport (front page).</li> </ul>	Subject to taxes payment.	
Wooden goods (furniture, ornaments)	Permit of Ministry of Agriculture.	Subject to taxes payment.	
Motor vehicles	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>Original Vehicle Property Deed or Original Circulation Permit.</li> <li>Original purchase invoice.</li> <li>Copy of shipper's passport (front page).</li> </ul>	Subject to taxes payment.	Other documents for motor vehicles import process must be presented in Costa Rica.
Machines, appliance, spare parts	<ul> <li>Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte"</li> <li>Invoices.</li> </ul>	Subject to taxes payment except those with tax exemption.	



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Wine, Alcohol	Rated original Bill of La     "Carta de Porte"	ding , A.W.B. or	Subject to taxes payment.	Prohibited for air and lcl shipments, for fcl shipments a maximum of 5 bottles is permitted.  Permits from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Treasury may be requested.
Tins and Food			Importation prohibited.	
Arms, ammunitions, dangerous object	Permits of Ministry of Natio "Seguridad Publica".	nal Security	Same as above.	It applies only for Costa Rican citizens or residents.
Medicines, narcotics and drugs			Importation prohibited	
Plants			Importation prohibited.	
Domestic pets (Cats and Dogs)	<ul> <li>A.W.B.</li> <li>Health Certificate.</li> <li>Up to date vaccination</li> <li>Invoice or affidavit indivalue and characteristi</li> <li>Exportation veterinary</li> </ul>	cating animal's cs.	Subject to payment of taxes.	Documentation required before animal's arrival.
Pornographic material, subversive material, drugs, item not being part of the normal household			Importation prohibited.	



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Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		Costa Rica Government adopted ISPM-15 (International standards for Phytosanitary M Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating W Packaging Material in International Trade (a NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of we packing materials used for the transport of g	dood lka pod

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