



## Export Customs Guide **COSTA RICA**

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<b>GOODS</b>	<b>DOCUMENTS REQUIRED</b>	<b>CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>REMARKS</b>
<b>Removal Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Original or copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li><li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li><li>▪ Packing List or inventory.</li><li>▪ Detailed packing list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li></ul>	
<b>Diplomats Removals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) and diplomatic ID.</li><li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte"</li><li>▪ Packing List or inventory.</li><li>▪ Detailed packing list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Duty free departure.</li></ul>	
<b>Wedding trousseaux</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li><li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li><li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li></ul>	
<b>Inheritance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li><li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> </ul>		
<b>New Furniture and Household Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Works of Art &amp; Antiques (More than 100 years)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wooden goods (furniture, ornaments)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the Ministry of Agriculture. Needed only for wooden crates.</li> <li>▪ Wooden ornaments and hangers are not allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original Vehicle Property Deed or Original Circulation Permit.</li> <li>▪ Original purchase invoice or purchase.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Other documents for motor vehicles import process must be presented in Costa Rica.</li> </ul>

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<b>Wine, Alcohol</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to taxes payment.</li> <li>▪ Prohibited for air and LCL shipments.</li> <li>▪ For FCL shipments, a maximum of 5 litres is permitted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Tins and Food</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>		
<b>Arms, ammunitions, dangerous objects</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Importation prohibited.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medicines, narcotics, drugs, soaps, perfumes, shampoo, creams, cosmetics, and other personal hygiene articles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>		
<b>Plants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte".</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the Ministry of Agriculture.</li> </ul>		
<b>Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper's passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> </ul>		

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<b>Domestic pets (Cats and Dogs)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original A.W.B.</li> <li>▪ Subject to mandatory quarantine.</li> <li>▪ Subject to permits from the National Animal Health Service.</li> <li>▪ Health Certificate.</li> <li>▪ Up to date vaccination cards.</li> <li>▪ Invoice or affidavit indicating animal’s value and characteristics.</li> <li>▪ Exportation veterinary health certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of taxes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Documentation required before animal’s arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Pornographic material, subversive material, drugs, item not being part of the normal household</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) or ID for Costa Rican citizen.</li> <li>▪ Rated original Bill of Lading, A.W.B. or “Carta de Porte”.</li> <li>▪ Original commercial invoices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to payment of taxes.</li> </ul>	



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