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| GOODS                                 | DOCUMENTS REQUIRED   | CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS   | REMARKS  |
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| Returning Ecuadorians (non-diplomats) | <ul> <li>Household Goods</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's citizenship card. current marital status must be visible.</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's passport.</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's granted visa issued by the competent migration authority or other document that accredits the importer's migratory condition.</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's voting certificate.</li> <li>Address where the importer plans to reside.</li> <li>Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador. The bill should be of last 3 months prior to the merchandise release.</li> <li>Color copy of the Ecuadorian passports belonging to the importer's family group.</li> <li>Returning migrant Certificate:</li> <li>Sworn statement.</li> <li>Migratory movements</li> <li>3 documents from origin that certify the importer's stay abroad.</li> </ul> | Benefit of tax exemption from import duties on household goods:  Eligibility to the benefit  Returning Migrant Certificate  Exemption of taxes benefit must be requested up to a maximum of 36 months after arrival with intention of residing in Ecuador.  Conditions  Have stayed abroad for more than 2 years.  Have not stayed more than 180 days in Ecuador, within the two years prior to the client's return.  Limits for 2nd time imports  Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation. | <ul> <li>Eligible items</li> <li>Eligible goods can be new or used as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.</li> <li>Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.</li> <li>Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.</li> <li>All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.</li> <li>Identification of goods</li> <li>Packages / items must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.</li> <li>Clothing must be packed separately.</li> <li>A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed.</li> </ul> |
|                                       | Work Equipment     Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.  | <ul> <li>Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art, or trade of the importer.</li> <li>"Work equipment" refers to the group or set</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:</li> <li>USD \$450 Basic salary * 160 = USD \$72,000</li> </ul>   |

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|            |  | of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.  | <ul> <li>Professional title or courses taken to justify<br/>the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>  |
|            | Used Motor vehicles  Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle Title of ownership Registration License number or equivalent document issued in origin. Customs export declaration number Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin.  New Motor vehicles Original commercial invoice of the motor vehicle Title of ownership Vehicle subcategory code Payment receipt Apostilled certificate issued by the dealer. Human mobility certificate Customs export declaration number Registered vehicle's value corresponding to the country of origin. | <ul> <li>The car or motorcycle will only be considered when shipped under the same Bill of Lading of the household goods.</li> <li>People who left the country for study reasons will not be able to enter a car, only a motorcycle.</li> <li>Vehicle imports should not exceed 80 Basic salaries:         <ul> <li>USD \$450 basic salary * 80 = USD \$36,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>Motorcycle imports should not exceed 25 basic salaries:         <ul> <li>USD \$450 basic salary * 25 = USD \$11,250</li> </ul> </li> <li>In the case of exceeding (vehicles and motorcycles) up to 10 additional basic salaries to those allowed, 100% taxes will be paid on the exceeded amount.</li> <li>USD \$450 basic salary * 10 = USD \$4,500 exceeded amount.</li> <li>In case of a used motor vehicle: car/motorcycle acquisition's price will be determined by the following criteria:         <ul> <li>Market price of the model's release date (Market price of the model's release date * yearly depreciation percentage).</li> <li>Yearly depreciation percentage to be referred to Art. 23.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Used Motor vehicles  Commercial invoice and title of ownership: Can come under the name of the migrant or a member of their family unit. Emission date should be before the importer's arrival.  New Motor vehicles Vehicle subcategory code Should be issued in Ecuador by the SRI. Certificate issued by the car dealership should include: Vehicle's general and technical specs. Vehicles net value, discounts should be indicated. |
| Foreigners | <ul> <li>Household Goods</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's passport as well as the passports of its family members.</li> <li>Color copy of the importer and its family's</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Tax exemption access</li> <li>Must have a permanent or temporal Visa.</li> <li>Shipments that arrive up to 1 month before and 6 months after entering Ecuador may be</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Importer's visa</li> <li>In case of not having the visa, the importer can present a specific guarantee: banking, cash, or insurance policy that has a validity</li> </ul>  |

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|       | <ul> <li>import visa.</li> <li>Original certificate of migratory movements of both the importer and it's family members.</li> <li>Documents that justify the visa granted; (either a work contract or an assignment letter).</li> <li>Address where the importer plans to reside.</li> <li>Color copy of the basic service bill (water, electricity, etc.) of the importer's residence in Ecuador.</li> <li>The bills should be of last 3 months prior to the shipment release.</li> <li>Detailed inventory of the importing goods.</li> </ul> | considered as household goods.  Import conditions  Have stayed abroad for more than 2 years. Have not stayed more than 180 days in Ecuador, within the two years prior to the client's return.  Limits for 2nd time imports  Import can be made more than once as long as 10 years have elapsed since the last importation. | of 180 working days and is equivalent to 120% on the eventual taxes.  Eligible items  Eligible goods can be new or used, as long as they are acquired by the importer for everyday use.  Up to 200 kg. of clothing, footwear, and accessories for each member of the family unit can be imported.  Alcoholic beverages up to 50 liters without exceeding 2 liters of the same characteristics can be imported.  All goods exceeding the admissible quantities will be subject to taxes.  Identification of goods  Packages / suitcases must be identified with the importer's full name and their respective numbering.  Clothing must be packed separately. A 15% of the total household goods will be inspected, in case of inconsistencies, a fine for regulatory breach will be imposed. |
|       | <ul> <li>Work Equipment</li> <li>Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Work equipment can be new or used intended for the activity, profession, art or trade of the importer.</li> <li>"Work equipment" refers to the group or set of utensils, instruments, equipment, tools or similar, necessary to carry out an activity.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Imports of work equipment should not exceed 160 basic salaries:</li> <li>USD \$450 basic salary * 160 = USD \$72,000</li> <li>Professional title or courses taken to justify the work equipment if included.</li> </ul>   |
|       | Vehicles  • Foreign citizens would not be able to import cars or motorcycles as part of their Household Goods.   |   |  |

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| Diplomats | <ul> <li>Household Goods</li> <li>Color copy of the importer's passport/ ID Card</li> <li>Inventory of legalized goods.</li> <li>Note Verbale issued by the Foreign Ministry for household goods and motor vehicles.</li> <li>Release agreements issued by Customs for household goods and motor vehicles.</li> <li>Diplomatic franchise</li> </ul>   | Document legalization     Ecuadorian Diplomats: documentation must be legalized in the Consulate or Embassy from where the shipment comes.     Foreign Diplomats: documentation sealed by the diplomatic entity where the official comes to provide its services. | <ul> <li>Copy of the passport applies for foreign diplomats and ID card for Ecuadorians with diplomatic status.</li> <li>Ecuadorian diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the MOFA.</li> <li>Foreign diplomats: limitations to be confirmed by the accredited organism.</li> </ul> |
|           | <ul> <li>Vehicles</li> <li>Legalized vehicle's invoice and license number.</li> <li>Vehicle subcategory code         <ul> <li>To be issued at the SRI.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Original invoice or a notarized copy in the name of the importer and the Vehicle's value.</li> <li>Title of ownership.</li> <li>Diplomatic franchise.</li> <li>Whether new or used, the following supporting documents must be attached to the custom declaration:         <ul> <li>The number of the export customs declaration, and the value of the vehicle registered, corresponding to the country of departure of the merchandise.</li> <li>Certificate from the dealer or commercial company, which certifies the value of the vehicle with which it went on the market</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |   |  |
| Pets      | Sanitary and vaccine's certificates.  |   | <ul> <li>If the pets arrive with the owner, they will be dispatched with the luggage by only presenting the International Health Certificate.</li> <li>If they arrive as cargo, it will be necessary to</li> </ul>   |

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|  |                    |   | process the customs clearance and the pets may have to spend the night at customs. |
| Wooden crates fumigation - Import/Export |                    | <ul> <li>Ecuador adopted the Guidelines for<br/>Regulating Wood Packaging in International<br/>Trade (NIMF-15) to standardize the<br/>treatment of wood packaging used for the<br/>transport of goods.</li> </ul> |  |

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