

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or “Carta de Porte” • Packing list in English or Spanish. • Detailed list indicating brand, serial number and model of all electric appliances and electronics. • Original or Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) 	<p>Foreigners will have to pay for import duties.</p> <p>Costa Rican citizens who have lived abroad a minimum of 24 months may apply for partial tax exemption.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Other formalities for this status must be made in Costa Rica.</p>	<p>Customs clearance will take approximately 8 working days once shipment has arrived to the bonded warehouse in San José.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Diplomats’ Removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or “Carta de Porte” • Packing list in English or Spanish. • Tax exemption • Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) and Diplomatic ID 	Duty free entry.	<p>Shipper must be registered at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>Tax exemption process must be done directly by the shipper’s entity.</p>
Wedding trousseaux	Same as household goods removal.	Subject to taxes payment.	
Inheritance	Same as above.	Subject to taxes payment	
New Furniture and household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or “Carta de Porte” • Packing list or inventory. • Original invoices • Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) 	Subject to taxes payment, except those with tax exemption (when applies).	
Works of Art & Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or “Carta de Porte” • Invoices if any (not needed if part of household goods shipment). • Packing list or inventory. • Copy of shipper’s passport (front page) 	Subject to taxes payment.	

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Wooden goods (furniture, ornaments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit of Ministry of Agriculture. 	Subject to taxes payment.	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte" Original Vehicle Property Deed or Original Circulation Permit. Original purchase invoice. Copy of shipper's passport (front page) 	Subject to taxes payment.	Other documents for motor vehicles import process must be presented in Costa Rica.
Machines, appliance, spare parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte" Invoices. 	Subject to taxes payment except those with tax exemption.	
Wine, Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rated original Bill of Lading , A.W.B. or "Carta de Porte" 	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 National Security "Seguridad Publica"	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)	A.W.B. Health Certificate Up to date vaccination cards Invoice or affidavit indicating animal's value and characteristics Exportation veterinary health certificate	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 Measures Publication 15) Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (aka NIFM-15) to standardise the treatment of wood packing materials used for the transport of goods.	

