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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal Goods - Returning Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 freighted original bills of lading or AWB. ▪ Valued inventory in Spanish. ▪ Valid passport. ▪ Tax exemption form obtainable from the Ministry of Finance (if returning Honduran). ▪ RTN Registro Tributario Nacional (Tax registration document). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RTN is the National Tributary Register number given to any person who requests the importation of goods into the country. This process takes no more than 24 hours and is a must for customs clearance. ▪ The importation of used household goods is duty free only for Honduras returned citizen after one year abroad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Send documents prior to shipment arrival. ▪ Inventory translation to Spanish has a US\$100.00 charge. ▪ Upon arrival of owner, a dispensa/franchise should be requested through a lawyer before the corresponding authorities. ▪ Special dispensas/franchise are given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ returning Honduran citizens after one year abroad ▪ to foreigners that apply for residence in Honduras. ▪ The dispensa/franchise must be obtained before arrival of the shipment. ▪ The origin agent must wait for the local agent's green light to ship.
Diplomats removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2 Original Bill of Lading or Original Air Waybill. ▪ Original inventory in Spanish. ▪ RTN – Registro Tributario Nacional. ▪ Dispensa / franchise (official tax exoneration). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Official franchise are given to Diplomats and International Mission employees and the RTN must be requested upon arrival of client to Honduras. ▪ Demurrage and storage charges at port are not exempted. ▪ The process to obtain official franchise is similar to the one for returning Citizens.
Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original invoices and copies. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	

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New furniture and household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original invoices and copies. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only diplomats and international missions may import these goods tax-free. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demurrage and storage charges at port are not exempted.
New articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original invoices and copies. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taxes will be assessed according to CIF value of imported articles. 	
Household appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original purchase invoice w/4 copies. ▪ Packing list. ▪ RTN. 		
Electrical appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original purchase invoice w/4 copies. ▪ Packing list. ▪ RTN. 		
Presents, Souvenirs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original purchase invoice w/4 copies. ▪ Packing list. ▪ RTN. 		
Works of Art, Antiques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or original B/L. ▪ Original purchase invoice w/4 copies. ▪ Packing list. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Works of art and antiques (more than 100 years) pay 27% taxes. 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original purchase invoice. ▪ Original Title of Property listing vehicle's characteristics. ▪ Original Bill of Lading. ▪ RTN. ▪ Dispensa (franchise) only for Diplomats, International Missions employees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Bill of Lading must state all vehicle's characteristics: make, serial number, type of vehicle, chassis number, engine number, type of fuel, VIN, color, brand, model, year, CC. If not stated, a fine will be charged. ▪ Automobiles may not be more than ten (10) years old. 	

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Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 		
Machine appliances, spare parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 		
Alcohol, wine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 62% tax. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats may include some bottles but local embassy in Honduras must authorize as this represents extra paperwork for the embassy. Special permits are required by customs. ▪ We recommend not including alcohol/wines in the shipment as that delays the customs clearance and special permits are required.
Tobacco, cigars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 62% tax. 	
Tins and Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diplomats may include some food but local embassy in Honduras must authorize as this represents extra paperwork for the embassy. Special permits are required by customs. ▪ We recommend not including food in the shipment as that delays the customs clearance and special permits are required.
Medicines, narcotics, drugs, carpets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices w/ copies. ▪ Original Title of Property. ▪ RTN. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicines are duty free. ▪ Narcotics and drugs: must consult before importation

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Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Phytosanitary permit from origin country. ▪ Complete vaccination record. ▪ Original of the airway bill. ▪ RTN. 		
Sporting firearms and ammunition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AWB or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original purchase invoices. ▪ RTN. ▪ Secretary of Defence Permit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary of Defence permit must be requested prior to importation of firearms and ammunition. 	
Prohibited articles		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weapons, ▪ Gun powder, ▪ Drugs, ▪ Toxic waste, ▪ Pornography, ▪ Refrigerators or similar with gas type R-11, R-12, R-502, R-22. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation prohibited.
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Honduras 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. 	
General remark			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is recommended to mail all necessary instructions and documentation well in advance and prior to shipment of goods in order to secure rapid customs clearance, avoiding high demurrage and storage charges.



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