

**2. Free of duty imports:** passengers entering the country by sea or by air may import goods of duty, additional to their personal baggage, as long as they prove their value with an invoice or receipt and such amount does not exceed 500 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency or 300 US dollars when the entry is by land. Alcoholic beverages, shredded tobacco or automobile fuel cannot be imported as part of the duty free exemption.

During the vacation periods of Holy week, summer and winter, Mexican Nationals entering the country by land may import, under duty exemption, items of up to 500 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency provided that such people do not live along the border strip or border region. The starting and ending dates of such periods can be consulted directly with customs personnel or at [www.aduanas.gob.mx](http://www.aduanas.gob.mx).

#### PAYMENT OF DUTIES

Passengers may import items to their personal baggage without requiring the services of a customs agent by paying a global rate of 16%, provided that the total amount, excluding the duty free exemption, does not exceed 3,000 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency as long as an invoice, proof of payment or any other document that proves the commercial value of the items is provided.

- Duties can be paid using the form "Pago de contribuciones al comercio exterior" (Foreign trade tax payment).
- The total value of computer equipment, added to the rest of the items above cannot exceed 4,000 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency.
- Items subject to compliance, regulations other than payment of duties (permits, certificates, and notifications) cannot be imported.
- In order to determine the tax basis, the duty free exemptions mentioned in number 2 could be deducted from the value of the items.

#### INFRACTIONS AND SANCTIONS

Mexican laws establish among others the following penalties and sanctions related to the importation of goods into the country:

- Omission to declare whether coming in or out of the Mexico's customs amounts of cash, in domestic or foreign checks, payment orders or any other documents receivable in an aggregate amount exceeding the equivalent of 10,000 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency, which action will be punishable with a fine of 20 to 40% of the exceeding amount and the corresponding criminal penalties will be applied.
- Introduction into or extraction of goods from Mexico, using deceitful methods to hide items, when their imports or exports is prohibited, restricted or because foreign trade duties must be paid, will be punishable with fines ranging, to 70 or 100%, of the commercial value of merchandise.
- Omission of the total or partial payment of foreign trade duties. When failure consist of only a duty omission and the goods do not exceed 3,000 US dollars or its equivalent in domestic or foreign currency, the penalty will consist of up to 116% of the commercial value of the items. Once the duties have been paid, the Customs Authority will make the items available to the passenger.
- If the corresponding documentation required by the Customs Law prove that the merchandise was properly submitted for proper customs procedures in order to enter the country, is not exhibited, a precautionary seizure of the non declared goods as well as the corresponding vehicle, in case the passengers entered the country by land, will proceed.
- For non declared items which do not comply with regulations and restrictions other than duties, abandonment can be declared once the corresponding fine is paid.

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## CUSTOMS DECLARATION for passengers coming from abroad



## WELCOME TO MEXICO

Please read the instructions prior to filling this form:  
Every passenger or head of household must provide the following information.

**1**

Last name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number \_\_\_\_\_

**2**

**VISITORS**  
Number of days you will stay in Mexico \_\_\_\_\_

**RESIDENTS OF MEXICO**  
Number of days you stayed abroad \_\_\_\_\_

**3**

Number of family members traveling with you \_\_\_\_\_

Number of luggage pieces (bags and packages) you bring with you \_\_\_\_\_

Missing luggage or luggage to be imported by cargo (pieces)  
(See Notification 1 of this form) \_\_\_\_\_

**4**

**MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION**

Mark with an X the means of transportation

Maritime  Air  Ground

Vessel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Flight No. \_\_\_\_\_ Transport No. \_\_\_\_\_

**5**

Carrying money in cash, receivables or a combination of both is legal; however, not declaring the total amount when more than the equivalent of 10,000 US dollars is carried may be subject to administrative or criminal penalties.

Are you carrying amounts in cash, documents receivable (checks, promissory notes, payment orders, etc.) or a combination of them, the combined total of which exceeds 10,000 US dollars or their equivalent in national or foreign currency?

\_\_\_\_\_ No  Yes

If you have answered Yes,  
please declare the total amount in US dollars \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer Yes, you must also fill out the "Declaración de internación o extracción de cantidades en efectivo y/o documento por cobrar" (Customs Declaration for the import/export of cash, receivables or equivalent documents), which you can request from the customs personnel in charge at the entry ports to Mexico or download it from the Customs Internet Site: [www.aduanas.gob.mx](http://www.aduanas.gob.mx)

## INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WHEN YOU GO THROUGH CUSTOMS

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### PLEASE DECLARE IF YOU ARE BRINGING WITH YOU

Live animals; meats; food; plants; flowers or fruits; seeds; green vegetables; chemicals, pharmaceuticals, biological; animal, wildlife products or for agricultural purpose; dangerous materials, substances or residues; insects.

No  Yes

Disease agents; live/dead cultures

No  Yes

Weapons or cartridges

No  Yes

Samples

No  Yes

Professional working equipment

No  Yes

Merchandise (additional to your baggage and duty-free exemption) for which you must pay import duties.

No  Yes

Soil or, if applies please declare, I (we) have visited a farm, ranch or prairie; I was (we were) in contact with or manipulating live stock

No  Yes

Introducing merchandise without the applicable declaration, permits, or duty payment may be subject to administrative or criminal penalties.

I have read the information enclosed in this form. This information is accurate and legitimate. I am aware of the sanctions for those who declare falsely before an authority other than a judicial one.

Signature

Day   Month   Year

#### ONLY FOR OFFICIAL USE

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR WHICH DUTIES MUST BE PAID

Declaration No.:

Amount paid: \$

### INSTRUCTIONS

- It is mandatory to fill out this Customs Declaration completely.
- If you have any doubts, you can request assistance from the customs personnel before presenting your Declaration.
- In case you responded **Yes** to any question from fields **5** or **6**, go to the Customs Attention booth at the arrival terminal, before going through the inspection area.
- After you pick up your baggage, present the Declaration to customs personnel in the corresponding area.
- When a Declaration is presented per family (father, mother and children), baggage and duty-free exemptions may be combined.
- Noncompliance of any tax or customs disposition, even involuntarily, will be punishable. Please do not hesitate to request additional information from customs personnel. (See *Infractions and sanctions*.)

**Notification 1.** Complete if you have missing luggage or if your luggage is imported via cargo, at the time you hand in this form to customs personnel.

### BAGGAGE AND DUTY-FREE EXEMPTION

Passengers may bring duty-free, new or used items that make up their personal luggage and other items as a part of their duty-free exemption:

1. **List of items that include personal baggage:** items for personal use, such as clothing—including bridal trousseau—, footwear, cleaning and beauty items, according to the length of the journey as well as items to carry them, items for babies, such as chair, portable crib, stroller, walker, among others, including their accessories, two photographic or recording cameras; photographic material; tree mobile phones or other wireless network devices; one Global Positioning System equipment (GPS); one PDA; one laptop or a notebook/ omnibook or similar; a copying machine or portable printer; one burner and portable projector, with its accessories: a portable device for recording or reproducing sound or both; or two portable audio and/or digital image player (or one portable audio and/or image reproduction devices) and a portable DVD reproduction devices, as well as a set of portable speakers and their accessories; five laser discs, ten DVD discs, thirty compact discs; three packages of software and five storage devices for any electronic equipment, and a video game console, as well as five videogames; two complete personal sports equipments, four fishing rods, three surf boards with or without sail and their accessories; trophies or awards, provided that they can be comfortably carried by the passenger; a camping tent and other camping articles; a pair of binoculars and telescope, two musical instruments and their accessories; five toys, including collection items; books, magazine and printed documents; a hand toolset with its storage case, which may include a drill, pliers, sockets, screwdrivers, power cables, among others; a device to measure glucose or a mixed device and their reagents, as well as medicines for personalize (you must show the corresponding medical prescription in case of psychotropic substances).

Passengers older than 18 years of age can import a maximum of up to 10 packs of cigarettes, 25 cigars, or 200 grams of tobacco, up to three liters of alcoholic beverages others.

Senior Citizens and people with special needs can import devices to substitute or diminish their limitations, such as walkers, wheel chairs, crutches, canes, among others.

Passengers may bring into the country up to, without payment of duties, three pets with them; for pets we understand; cats, dogs, canaries, hamsters, Guinea pigs, Australian parakeet, cockatiel, ferret, parrots, turtles, small size wild bird (except birds of prey), as well as the accessories required for their transportation and cleaning, provided that the Zoosanitary (Animal Health importation) certificate issued by the Sagarpa is provided to customs personnel; in case of wild animals, a Verification Registration or restrictions, other than duties, to which they may be subject to.