



Customs Guide **PANAMA**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
General		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs authorities in Panama are requesting that all Ocean Bills of Lading (OBL) and Air Way Bills (AWB) be rated (show cost). ▪ If the OBL / AWB have already been issued without the cost shown, you must request origin airline / air carrier to authorize their representative in Panama a freight rate certification. ▪ Customs authorities in Panama are requesting Spanish Inventory List. ▪ For all visa types, shippers must validate to Customs that immigration process has started by presenting the stamped admission receipt from immigration office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As per Panamanian Laws, shipments must arrive into Panama maximum 6 months ahead of the last entry date stamped on the passport. ▪ All shipments must be inspected at port of entry, but this is usually done at a Customs bonded warehouse or shipper's residence at time of delivery.
Diplomats removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of passport. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release. ▪ Spanish Inventory. ▪ Original letter from the Embassy in Panama requesting Previous Permit addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All diplomats and public officials entering with a diplomatic or official passport, or those who come with a contract from the government have franchise privilege, and will not be subject to the usual inspection or examination of household goods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All shipments must be inspected at port of entry. ▪ Quarantine Personnel is entitled to cut the Steamship line seals.
Household Goods & Personal Effects	<p>There are multiple visas in Panama, each one has its own required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RETURNING CITIZENS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original or notarized passport in Panama - all pages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Panamanian citizens returning to the country after a time of no less than 2 years can import tax-free all used items. ▪ Effects should arrive no later than 6 months after his arrival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All shipments must be inspected at port of entry, but this is usually done at a Customs bonded warehouse or shipper's residence at time of delivery.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of Panamanian Cedula. ▪ Copy of carnets and IDs from abroad. ▪ Copy of utility bills dated 2 years ago since arrival date. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release. ▪ Spanish Inventory. ▪ FRIENDLY NATIONS VISA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original or notarized passport in Panama including ID page and last entry stamp. ▪ Copy of Visa Carnet or Original Letter from attorney in Panama addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas stating visa is in process ** ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release and Spanish Inventory. ▪ WORKING VISA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original or Notarized passport in Panama including ID page and last entry stamp. ▪ Copy of Visa Carnet or work permit. ** ▪ Original Letter of employment in Panama addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas. ▪ Original Letter from attorney stating visa is in process addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas. ** ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release and Spanish Inventory. ▪ SELF SOLVENCY VISA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original or notarized passport in Panama including ID page and last entry stamp. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release and Spanish Inventory. ▪ Copy of Visa Carnet or Original Letter from the attorney addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas**. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ** If Visa is not ready, then an original letter from attorney must be submitted to customs. ▪ ** If visa ID carnet is ready the letter from attorney is no longer required. ▪ ** Original Letter from the bank in Panama stating the information of shipper's account. The minimum is six figures. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Letter from the bank in Panama addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas***. ▪ PENSIONADO VISA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original or notarized passport in Panama including ID page and last entry stamp. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release and Spanish Inventory. ▪ Pensionado Carnet or Original Letter from the attorney addressed to Autoridad Nacional de Aduanas. 		
New furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Commercial or purchase invoice. ▪ Copy of passport. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release and Spanish Inventory. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subjected to import duties and taxes. It is the Appraisal Department at Customs who determines the amount to be paid. ▪ All shipments must be inspected at port of entry, but this is usually done at a Customs bonded warehouse or shipper's residence at time of delivery. 	
Pets and animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Health Certificate legalized at the Panamanian Consulate (should include vaccinations). ▪ Original Vaccine Certificate or Carnet updated (verify with the Consulate if is required to be legalized as well). ▪ Copy passport of the owner. ▪ Quarantine application form (provided by the agent). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Should apply for a domiciliary quarantine 3 days before the arrival of the pet.
Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original owner's certificate. ▪ Commercial or purchase invoice. ▪ Copy of passport. ▪ Rated Original OBL / Express Release. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to import duties and taxes, based upon appraisal by Panama Customs. 	

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Alcohol, perfume, gifts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import of: (maximum) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol: 5-10 bottles. ▪ Perfume: for personal use. ▪ Gifts: valued PAB 50. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regarding the importation of alcohol, the Panamanian Authority for Food Safety (AUPSA), in conjunction with the National Customs Authority, provides for the authorization of alcoholic beverages based on a standard of personal consumption of 5 - 10 bottles per shipment. ▪ It is subject to an administrative payment for the issuance of liquor import license, according to the degree of alcohol and commercial value. ▪ The conditions that must exist are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The product must have sanitary registration. ▪ You must notify the Panamanian Authority of Food Safety (AUPSA) about the introduction of the wines to the national territory (minimum 48 hours) before arrival, through the Food Entry Notification Form, for this, the client must have an account Otherwise you must register as a client in AUPSA. ▪ Must have a letter from the shipper stating the information of the product, for what purpose it will be imported, guide number / BL, quantity, value etc
rohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Firearms, ammunitions, and weapons. ▪ Pharmaceuticals and medicine. ▪ Any kind of food. ▪ Psychotropic drugs. ▪ Toxic waste. ▪ Fertilizer. 	



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