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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	<p>Returning Mexicans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original or notarised copy of Mexican passport. Original legalized inventory (without values) in Spanish, stamped by the Mexican Consulate in the country of origin. Declaratory Letter addressed to the correspondent Customs Warehouse, in which customer has to declare that his belongings are new or not. Any new items have to be listed and the corresponding proof of purchase (invoice) attached in order for the customer to pay the corresponding duties 20% + I.V.A. 15%. Manifestation of Value form signed by customer (sample of this form is provided by your agent). <p>FM-2 immigrant working Visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original or notarised copy of FM-2 Visa. Original and two carbon copies of inventory list in Spanish legalised and sealed y Mexican consulate at the place of origin. Declaratory letter as indicated above. Manifestation of value form as indicated above. Liability letter (this form can be provided by your agent). 	<p>USEFUL INFORMATION</p> <p>According to the Mexican laws, in order to be able to import household goods and personal effects free of import duties, the following rules must be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goods must have been used for at least six months and are not intended for resale. All articles must be included in the inventory visaed by the Mexican Consulate. The Mexican government can expropriate any article not included in the inventory. The following articles are not considered HHG: firearms, ammunition, liquors, wine, motorcycles, boats, cars and food. Some of them may require an import licence. Contact your agent for specific information. <p>Shipments consigned to Mexico City terminal are handled by steamship line companies own transportation system. Please contact your agent for them to take care of transportation to avoid unnecessary demurrage charges.</p>	<p>The Mexican citizen must have lived out of the country for at least two years to import their Household goods free of duty.</p> <p>Important notes: Mexican Line requires a deposit of US\$ 1,000 when the shipment is coming into a container. For shipments entering through Mexico City Airport or through any port of entry, a Solidarity Letter will be required. Original or notarised copy is not necessary when shipper has an FM-2 or FM-3 Visa and wants to import the goods after a period of six months. As the Mexican ports, & Customs houses are saturated, the lift-vans and steel containers are placed in the open and must therefore be well protected against rain. Do not ship household goods until all documentation is completed (the airport holds the shipment during 30 days and ports during 60 days only). If the documentation is not presented by that time, the Mexican Government confiscates the shipment. Inform your destination agent on time of the arrival of the shipment at the Customs House of port of entry in order for him to proceed with the import negotiations. Due to legal regulation the agent does not accept C.O.D. charges. (Only destination charges can come in a C.O.D. basis). All shipments must come prepaid.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin and destination addresses. <p>FM-3 Visa (temporary residence Visa):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as above. • Original or notarised copy of FM-3 Visa. • Letter of guarantee from the employer in Mexico stating that the company is responsible for the duties or taxes, should the shipment not be re-exported when the employee leaves the country. • Copy of Affidavit of the person signing the above letter. 		

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Diplomats' removals	<p>Foreigners with Diplomatic status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The import permit, "the Diplomatic Franchise" has to be obtained by the corresponding Embassy in Mexico City from the general Customs authorities. • Inventory list in Spanish, with an estimated value. • Photocopy of passport. • Origin and destination addresses. <p>Mexicans returning with Diplomatic status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corresponding official government office to which the diplomat belongs has to get from the General Customs Authority in Mexico City the import permit know as "Diplomatic Franchise". • Inventory list in Spanish, with an estimated value. • Photocopy of passport. • Origin and destination addresses. 		
Wedding trousseaux	If included as part of household goods and effects and declared in the legalised list.	Allowed – see "Removal goods". Otherwise – importation prohibited.	Must be used. For specific cases, it is recommended to contact your local agent.
Inheritance	Permission is obtained from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion (Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial) in the Federal District of Mexico (D.F.).	Otherwise prohibited.	Subject to tax payment. For specific cases, it is recommended to contact your local agent.
New furniture and household goods	If included with removal goods, they must be included on the legalised inventory list and originals of all invoices must also be presented.	Subject to payment of duties and taxes. Maximum 1000 US\$.	Only possible for shipments through NVO, Laredo, and Tamps, NOT Vera Cruz neither Mexico City Airport.
Household appliances	If included as part of household goods,	Importation allowed - see "Removal goods".	


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Electrical appliances	Same as above.	Same as above.	Brand, model and serial numbers of electrical appliances must be written on the legalised inventory list, sealed by the Mexican Consulate.
Works of Art, Antiques	If included as part of household goods, declared in the legalised list and in reasonable quantity.	Importation allowed - see “Removal goods”. Otherwise – importation prohibited.	
Precious metal objects		Importation prohibited, as they are not considered as part of the household effects.	
Carpets	If they are part of household goods and only in small quantity.	Importation allowed - see “Removal goods”. Otherwise – importation prohibited.	
Presents, souvenirs	If part of household goods and are declared on the legalised list.	Same as above.	Subject to tax payment.
Motor vehicles temporarily imported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original FM-3. • Invoice of title property. • License of the car. • Driver’s license. • International credit card. • Client’s personal identification. • Letter of authorisation given to the agent, authorising him to take care of the transportation of the car from Monterrey to its final destination. 	Duty of US\$ 50 is payable by international credit card.	<p>Shippers must be at port of entry to clear Customs and obtain the temporary import permit. After, the agent with a power of attorney can do transportation.</p> <p>Customs will grant a permit for the period of validity of FM-2 or FM-3, which has to be renewed before expiration of FM-2 or FM-3.</p> <p><i>Car cannot be imported with household goods! Mexican connate return with their car.</i></p>
Motor vehicles (Diplomats)	Diplomats can import their car with a franchise arranged by the Embassy to which they belong.		The agent can take care of car transmission with corresponding diplomatic franchise.
Other vehicles (bicycles, water vehicles)	Only bicycles being part of the household goods and declared on the legalised list are allowed.	Otherwise prohibited.	Must be used and only one per person.
Machines, appliances, spare parts		Importation prohibited, as they are not considered as part of the household effects.	

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Tin and food		Same as above.	
Arms, ammunition and explosives		Importation prohibited, as they are not considered as part of the household effects.	
Medicines, drugs and narcotics	If medicines are included as part of the household goods and only if prescribed by a doctor.	Importation prohibited.	
Plants		Same as above.	
Cats and dogs, other animals	If value exceeds US\$ 5000 (national currency): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorisation from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion. • Sanitary B/L. • General certificate of Health. • Vaccination certificate if value under US\$ 5000 (national currency). • The same documentation is needed excepting the authorisation from the Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Promotion. 	Subject to payment of duties.	It is recommended to send documents and AWB in advance by fax, to avoid delays in releasing pets. It is also recommended to arrange for arrival at the beginning of the week, to avoid pets being kept in Customs control over a weekend, when there is no one to feed them.
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		The Mexican Government will adopt 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	This does not apply to wood packing materials manufactured of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raw wood of 6 mm thickness or less • Processed wood produced by glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof • Plywood sheets & agglomerated

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		<p>goods.</p> <p>Effective September 16, 2005, shipments into or out of Mexico in wooden packaging, will have to have a Seal, which certifies that the shipment has received the required treatment (HT = Heated Treatment [a minimum wood core temperature of 56°C for a minimum of 30 minutes] or Methyl Bromide Treatment (the minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours).</p> <p>The wood packing material must be marked in a visible location on each article, on at least two opposite sides of the article with a legible and permanent mark in black ink. Labels and adhesives are not allowed. The mark should be as follows:</p> <div data-bbox="1048 1045 1563 1241" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;">  <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 20px;"> <p>XX - 000</p> <p>YY</p> </div> </div> <p>Where XX is the country code, 000 the producer number, YY the treatment type, and AAA the inspection agency logo.</p>	<p>sawdust sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oriented wooden fibre sheets • Sawdust & Wooden fibre <p>If you have questions, please contact agents in Mexico or consult the ISPM publication 15 at:</p> <p>https://www.ippc.int/servlet/CDSServlet?status=ND0zNTIyNSZjdG5faW5mb192aWV3X3NpemU9Y3RuX2luZm9fdmld19mdWxsJjY9ZW4mMzM9KiYzNz1rb3M~</p>



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		If a shipment arrives without this seal, it will be returned to the origin country at the shipper's/origin Agent's expenses.	