

Import Customs Guide CURACAO

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	 Original passport. Packing list (2). Express Release B/L or copy AWB. Certificate from shipper last place of residence confirming that the shipper has lived there for at least six (6) months prior to the move of all moving family members. Certificate of residence (to be obtained at the local department of Civil Registration). If appropriate marriage certificate or partnership agreement. If shipper does not have his certificate of residence as yet, awaiting his residence permit, at time of arrival he/she will still be able to import his/her belongings by means of a Bank Guarantee / Deposit. Completed and signed import duties exemption application form (ask your agent). 	 Household goods are duty free as long as the shipper is in possession of the household goods for at least six (6) months prior to importation. Subject to supporting documents indicating that shipper will establish permanent residence in Willemstad. 	Shipper has to personally be in Willemstad.
Diplomats removals		Free import.	
Wedding trousseaux	 Inventory in five copies. Marriage certificate. Certificate of residence. Completed and signed import duties exemption application form (ask your local agent). Power of attorney (ask your local agent). 	Duty free entry.	

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Inheritance	 Inventory in 5 copies certified by a notary. Certificate of residence. Death certificate. Certificate of inheritance (Notary act) where the inherited goods are specified and declared to be bestowed on the consignee. Completed and signed import duties exemption application form (ask your local agent). Power of attorney (ask your local agent). 	 Duty free entry. Goods must be imported within one year of inheritance. 	
New furniture & household articles	 Invoice. 	 Subject to payment of duties. 	
Works of art / Antiques	Purchase invoice.	 Subject to payment of duties. 	
Household & electrical appliances	 No documents required, if part of the household effects. 	 Mention on the inventory list, the mark and fabrication number. 	
Motor vehicles (passenger car/ motorcycle)	 Free entry permit. Original purchase invoice. Certificate of registration (Title). Insurance certificate of period vehicle has been insured with start and termination date. Express Release B/L or AWB. Certificate of inspection at origin. Completed and signed import duties exemption application form (ask your local agent). Power of attorney (ask your local agent). 	 In order to obtain exemption of duties, the shipper/applicant should be in possession of and have used the vehicle at least one (1) year prior to the shipping date. This exemption is only for 1 motor vehicle per family. 	 Definition of a passenger car is: Motor vehicles not being sport cars and or cars for pursuing a hobby, on two or more wheels, including trailers for other than business transportation of persons, goods or livestock and suitable for public road.
Other vehicles (sport cars, trailers, boats and among others water scooter)	Invoice.Registration card.Ownership title of the vehicle.	 Subject to payment of duties. 	
Machines, appliances, spare parts	Invoice.	Subject to payment of duties.	

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Presents, souvenirs	 No documents required, if part of the household effects. 		
Alcohol (wine,)	 No document required, if part of the household effects and in a reasonable quantity, as well as appropriate to the situation of the shipper/applicant. 	 Diplomats: entitled to exemption. Please check with your Embassy before shipping. 	 Alcohol: 1 litre free entry per family is the norm but Customs will furthermore evaluate each case. Extra quantities will be taxed.
Tobacco	Same as above.		
Food & Tins	Same as above.		
Arms, ammunition, dangerous objects	 Authorisation issued by the Police authorities. 		
Sport articles		 Depending on the article, subject to payment of duties. 	
Medicine	 No document required, if part of the household effects and prescribed by a doctor. 		
Narcotics, drugs		Prohibited.	
Precious metal objects (jewellery, coins)	 No document required, if part of the household effects. 		
Carpets	Same as above.		
Plants	Same as above.		

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Pets (cats & dogs) / Other animals	 Health and vaccination certificates (not older than 2 weeks). 		 The pet passport must contain the following information: a statement from the vet (in Dutch or English) that your pet has been vaccinated with an approved vaccine against rabies; the date of vaccination; pet's description including its breed, sex, age, colour and type of fur and its marks; the name of the owner. Important! Dog or cat must have been vaccinated within 1 year and at least 30 days before the move. Please take into account that applying for such a passport will take some time. Client should, therefore, apply for it at the vet no later than 10 days before the move. If client does not have a pet passport, dog or cat will be vaccinated upon entering the country after which it will have to remain in quarantine for 30 days.
Fumigation of Imported wooden materials		 Shipments in wood packing material to have a Seal which certifies that the shipment has received the required treatment (HT) Heated Treatment (a minimum wood core temperature of 56 degrees C for a minimum of 30 minutes) or Methyl Bromide Treatment (the minimum temperature should not be less the 10 degrees C and the minimum exposure time should not fall below 16 hours). The wood packing material <u>must</u> be marked in a visible location on each article, on at least two opposite sides of the article with a 	

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		 legible and permanent mark in black ink. Labels and adhesives are not allowed. The mark should be as follows: Image: Image: Image	

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