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General		 List of assets eligible to the Household Goods Exception Regime (see column Remarks): Mattress One (1) unit per household member + One (1) additional unit Bedroom set (includes 1 bed and up to 2 nightstands) One (1) game per family member Dining room Two (2) sets Tables and other auxiliary equipment Up to seven (7) units Living room game One (1) set Air-conditioning One (1) unit per family member. Maximum four (4) units Food processing apparatus One (1) unit of each type. Maximum ten (10) units Cooking up to 1200 W of power One (1) unit Smoke extractor One (1) unit Coffee maker or similar One (1) unit 	 The NATIONAL CUSTOMS SERVICE OF ECUADOR has issued a new regulation that limits the goods to be included as part of a import of household goods to Ecuador: In its article 35.A, it considers as household goods " new or used goods for daily use acquired, during their stay abroad, by a natural person or family nucleus who has returned to the country with the intention of domiciling in it. A motor vehicle or motorcycle for persona or family use is also considered a household item." Regulation will come into effect for shipments arriving in Ecuador from August 2021. Anything that exceeds the limits set fort in this article cannot be protected under this exception regime, and must be classified under the specific tariff subheading and comply with all general customs formalities.

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		 Rice cooker One (1) unit Oven or similar Up to two (2) units Freezer up to 680 litters (24 cu ft) capacity One (1) unit Up to 680 liter (24 cu ft) capacity refrigerator or wine cabinet Up to two (2) units Projector of the type used with a data processing machine One (1) unit Washing machine One (1) unit Clothes iron Up to two (2) units Dryer One (1) unit Electric door phone (Intercom) One (1) unit or set Fans with a power less than or equal to 125 W Up to six (6) units Theatre at home One (1) unit Dishwasher One (1) unit Elewing machine One (1) unit Baby monitoring intercom One (1) Game or set Surveillance equipment for residential use One (1) unit or set 	

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		exception of board games involving machines, video game consoles and video game machines Musical instruments One (1) unit per family member. Maximum four (4) units Small scale One (1) unit Curtains, including the curtain rod Up to seven (7) units or set Bathroom cabinet Up to three (3) units Kitchen cabinet One (1) set Stairs Up to two (2) units Grill or similar One (1) unit Camcorder One (1) unit Photographic camera Up to two (2) units Video game console One (1) unit Pocket calculating machine Up to two (2) units Nideo game console One (1) unit Pocket calculating machine Up to two (2) units Video game console One (1) unit Pocket calculating machine Up to two (2) units Nideo game console One (1) unit One (1) unit One (1) unit Camcorder One (1) unit One (1) unit of each type. Twenty (20) Kitchen utensils One (1) set or one (1) unit of each type. Maximum fifty (50) Cutlery	

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		 Maximum sixty (60) units Glassware Up to four (4) sets or games Crockery Up to four (4) sets or games Handheld, portable, non-self-propelled lawn mower or brush cutter One (1) unit Vacuum cleaner One (1) unit Non-industrial floor polisher One (1) unit Waste shredder or similar One (1) unit Waste shredder or similar, except video games Up to seventy (70) units Books One (1) unit of each title Porcelains, ceramics and other ornaments Up to one hundred (100) units Pictures or paintings Up to one hundred (100) units Cosmetics Up to one hundred (100) units Pictures or paintings Up to one hundred (100) units Pictures or paintings Up to one hundred (100) units Pictures or paintings Up to one hundred (100) units Performery Maximum (30) units of each type. Maximum (30) units in total Perfumery Maximum three hundred (300) millilitres of perfume per family member or six hundred (600) millilitres of perfume per family group, contained in new or used bottles Baby items (cars, cribs, playpens, car seat, etc.) One (1) unit of each type. Maximum 	

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		 Pet supplies and accessories Two (2) units per pet Fireplaces, patio heaters or, indoor heater One (1) unit 	

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		 One (1) unit of each type. Maximum three (3) units Christmas tree One (1) unit Vanity mirrors, hand-held, to be placed on the floor or hung on the wall Up to three (3) units Water purifying filters One (1) unit Water dispensers One (1) unit 	
Removal Goods	 Returning citizens: Original passports of the consignee and family members. The passport must show all the entries and departures from Ecuador and also the entry with intentions to reside permanently in Ecuador. A Migratory Certificate, issued at destination by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores). Certificate of Returning Migrants, issued by Human Mobility (Mobilidad Humana). Sworn Declaration (Declaration Juramentada); Transport Document, including number of pagendet. 	 Diplomatic shipments: An authorization will be required by the international organization that they represent. The authorization will be issued by each entity according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador. Ecuadorian Diplomats: An authorization will be required by the international organization that they belong. The authorization will be issued by each entity according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador. 	 See above regulation applicable as from August 2021 (under heading "General') as this may impact below. Only one shipment will be admitted duty free. If you send 2 shipments (i.e. a small airfreight plus a container via surface) even if it belongs to the same client, one of them will be subject to payment of import taxes. Only one item per article is allowed per family member. Additional items are subject to payment of duties and fines or confiscation.
	 passport. Foreign Citizens: Original passports of the consignee and family members, including visas; A Migratory Certificate, issued at destination by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores). Sworn Declaration (Declaration Juramentada). 	 The consignee and all the family members coming to live in Ecuador must have : Immigrant Visa or Non-Immigrant visa, when the citizen is expected to stay over a year in the country. A work contract will be needed. If the permanent visa is not ready at the 	 For Ecuadorians, the household goods and used personal effects must arrive two months before the client arrived to the country and no later than 24 months after arrival. Once the shipment arrived, the client cannot leave the country for more than 30 days. Foreign citizens cannot import used vehicles.

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	 Transport Document, including number of passport. Diplomatic shipments only: Copy of diplomatic passport. Original Packing List. Transport Document with name of consignee and passport number. For vehicles, original invoice or notarized copy under customer name and value must be shown. Title of vehicle. Diplomatic franchise for the household goods and auto. If not, a guarantee can be submitted. This document needs to be accepted by Customs. Ecuadorian Diplomats: Copy of diplomatic passport; Original Packing List; Transport Document with name of consignee and passport number; For vehicles, original invoice or notarized copy under customer name and value must be shown. Title of auto; Diplomatic franchise for the household goods and auto. 	 arrival of the shipment, the client may apply for a guarantee to be exempted from duties and taxes on household goods or work equipment when the visa is on process. The guarantee will be 120% on the applicable duty. This guarantee will be valid for 180 business days. If the visa is not presented by that time, the guarantee will go directly to Ecuador customs administration. Property of household goods and work equipment must be demonstrated by means of a sworn declaration stamped by an Ecuadorian Consul at origin or by a Notary Public in Ecuador, in which is evident the detailed and complete list of household goods, personal effects and working equipment included in the shipment with declared value for customs (do not include international insurance value). This document should be in Spanish and should include the following elements : Marital Status Name of family members Intention to reside permanently in Ecuador USED household goods and personal effects Place of origin Place of delivery Mode of transport Arrival dates. 	 If non-declared items are found during inspection, this will be considered as felony and will be severely punished. The OBL/AWB and cargo documentation must have the consignee's passport number. Shipments on which all conditions are not fulfilled will be subject to payment of import taxes (request for specific information if needed before shipping). A transportation Insurance policy must be taken in Ecuador (for Customs purposes only, does not replace regular door to door insurance certificate issued at origin). Since December 1, 2010, nationalization of household goods enforced procedure: All goods that are part of household goods (household goods, vehicles and tools), must have been purchased prior to arrival of the client to Ecuador. In no way will household goods, vehicles and working tools purchased after the date of arrival in the country be accepted. Any new item being declared as part of household goods must include into the sworn declaration the original commercial of buying, the invoice must be to the name of the returned migrant or someone in his family (wife and / or children).

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	<list-item><list-item> To fall under the exemption of taxes in the import of Household Goods, the Ecuadorian migrant needs to show that he is willing to live in Ecuador. Such statement has to be shown in a sworn declaration that comply with the following requisites : If the migrant arrived to Ecuador willing to live in the country before February 6th 2017, he should have lived for no less than a year abroad. If the migrant arrived to Ecuador willing to live in the country after February 6th 2017, he should have lived more than two years abroad. The time the migrant has been abroad will be demonstrated through the Passport and the migratory movement where it is shown how many times the country. If the exit has not been registered by the police, consular certificates or accredited certificates by migration may be valid. The household goods and work equipment must arrive between two months prior to the people's arrival and up to 24 months after the people's arrival. </list-item></list-item>	 S. For any new articles that present no adequate proof of purchase, will be applied with the respective payment of taxes, under tariff item of household goods not exempt from taxes (9802.00.00.20). Household goods and personal effects are authorized to be tax-free: Foreign diplomats. Ecuadorian diplomats. Ecuadorian citizens who return after completing their official missions in International. Organizations recognized by the Ecuadorian Government. Ecuadorian citizens who return after a minimum of one (1) year of legal residence abroad (a resident visa of the country from which they return is required). Foreigners with an immigrant visa, and Foreigners with a non-immigrant work visa.

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		 The non-Ecuadorian migrant may be tax exempt on the HHG and work equipment, just when his intentions are to live for more than 2 years in Ecuador. To have this benefit, they must have the immigrant visa. In case that they have a non-immigrant visa, they shall present the work contract, and if the visa is in process, the person may present a specific warranty. 	
		Ecuadorians returning:	
		 The exemption will apply to Ecuadorians residing abroad, legally or not, for over 2 years, with entries to Ecuador no more that 180 consecutive days within the 2 years 	
		 The ownership of the household and / or work equipment needs to be supported by a <i>sworn statement</i> from a notary or from an Ecuador Consulate. The letter should indicate all the items, the value of each item and the status of each item (new or used), and the intention to reside permanently in Ecuador. In case of marriage, the documentation may be entered in the name of any of the spouses, regardless of the person submitting the request for exoneration. 	
		 The sworn statement must contain the following information: Marital Status Name of spouse Name of family members 	

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		 Intentions to reside permanently in Ecuador Used household goods and personal effects Place of origin Place of delivery Mode of transport Arrival dates. 	
Motor Vehicles		 A motor vehicle or motorcycle for personal or family use is also considered a household item under the following conditions, according to the date the migrant is willing to live in the country : If the price of the imported vehicle exceeds the maximum price established, in a value of 5 minimum wages, it is allowed to import the vehicle, paying the duties for such a difference. If the migrant arrived with the intentions of living in Ecuador after Feb. 6th 2017, the person must comply with the following conditions: Time the migrant has lived abroad must be of at least 2 years The model / year must correspond to the last 5 years. The price of the vehicle must not exceed 60 minimum wages and the cylinders must not be more than 3000 cc In the case of the motorcycle, the price must not exceed 8000 USD and no more than 650 cc. 	 Is it possible to sell a vehicles or motorcycle that were cleared as household goods? The motor vehicle or motorcycle may be the object of alienation or transfer of ownership, once the period of four years from the date on which said assets were nationalized has elapsed; After 4 years but before 5 years, the Ecuadorian migrant will proceed with the payment of proportional taxes for the remaining time to complete the 5-year term, in accordance with literal b) of article 127 COPCI. Exceptionally, the domain of imported motor vehicles and motorcycles may be transferred prior to the established period, when: The owner of the motor vehicle or motorcycle is deceased; Ecuador is plunged into crisis, serious upheaval or national emergency, for which the payment of proportional taxes will be made for the remaining time to complete the established period.

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		 If the price of the imported vehicle exceeds the maximum price established, in a value of 5 minimum wages, it is allowed to import the vehicle, paying the duties for such a difference. Important: The price of the vehicle with which the exemption will apply will be the purchase price of the same, which must be justified by documentation before the National Customs Service of Ecuador (SENAE). Autonomous vehicles or motorcycles that do not comply with the provisions of the regulations will not be allowed as part of the household items, and must be classified in the specific subheading of the Ecuador Tariff and comply with all the formalities of the law. In order to import the motor vehicle or motorcycle as household goods, it must have been shipped together with the other goods or cargo units that make up the household goods. To determine the years of the vehicle, it will be taken into account exclusively the time between the year of the vehicle and the period of the shipment. It will NOT be considered as part of the HHG any vehicles that do not comply with all the formalities. 	 IMPROPER USE - Regarding the misuse of exemptions, the provisions of article 302 of the Comprehensive Organic Criminal Code (Código Orgánico Integral Penal) shall apply. Previous valoration for vehicles for household goods: The migrant can ask customs for the valoration of the vehicle, prior to importing it as household goods. Instructions: Download the "Formulario Consultas por Valor de Vehículos". Fill the form. Save the file in the computer un the name "Formulario Consulta de Valor - (Name and Last Name of the migrant)"

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		 the highest value will be accepted. The rest, in new condition, must fall under the specific tariff and comply with all the law formalities such as the import registration with customs, import registration with the Ministry of industries and productivity, INEN quality certificate, AND the payment of all duties. If there are additional vehicles in used conditions, they will be considered as prohibited items for import and will not be customs cleared and they will be re-shipped to origin. 	1st 2012.
Alcohol, cigarettes and cigars		Restricted but allowed in reasonable quantities.Alcohol is allowed up to 10 liters.	
Pets	 Health and vaccination certificates. 		 If pets arrive with owner, they will be cleared with baggage by just presenting International Health Certificate. If they arrive as cargo, customs clearance process will be required and pets might have to spend the night at customs.
Clothing		 As of June 1, 2018, Presidential Decree 396, it is possible to import clothing, footwear and accessories for the personal use of the migrant and the members of his family nucleus in quantities of up to 200 kilos for each of them, provided that the sizes and quantities are in relation to the members of your family nucleus at the time of arrival of shipment. 	 The regulations on clothing will be valid for Ecuadorians who return and also for foreigners, except diplomats. The agent of origin must clearly inform the clients who send to Ecuador that it is possible to import clothing, shoes and accessories for the personal use of the migrant and their main relatives in

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		 If customs inspectors find amounts greater than those allowed, the surplus of up to 200 kilos will be settled as non-exempt household items for the migrant and members of the family nucleus. And if the surplus merchandise does not correspond to the declaring migrant or his family nucleus, it will be treated as "Merchandise not authorized for importation" or "Prohibited import merchandise". It is admissible that in addition to the 200 kilos indicated, a surplus of up to 200 kilos is imported for each member of the family nucleus as a non-exempt household item. The boxes, suitcases, drawers used to pack clothes, shoes and personal accessories must be properly identified according to their content. 	 quantities of up to 200 kilos for each of them, as long as the sizes and amounts are in relation to their main family members at the time of arrival of the shipment. If customs inspectors find amounts greater than those allowed, the surplus of up to 200 kilos will be settled as non-exempt household items for the migrant and members of the family nucleus. And if the surplus merchandise does not correspond to the declaring migrant or his or her family nucleus, it will be treated as "Merchandise not authorized for importation" or "Imported prohibited merchandise". To avoid delays at customs inspection in Ecuador, each carton, box, suitcase or drawer must be packed and identified individually for each core family member. Where the operation allows, it is recommended that these items are weighted individually after packing. If possible, load the items that contain clothing, shoes and personal accessories as near as possible to the container door, as this may prevent that all goods be unloaded for inspection at customs.
Prohibited items		 Drugs, narcotics, pornographic material Cell phones Live plants Fabrics Auto parts, car tires, spare parts and any other auto article Engines 	

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		 Firearms, ammunition, etc. Coins, weapons, even if they are considered as a collection Pictures, works of art that are classified as cultural heritage Gas R-12 & / or R-502 (Usually found in domestic machines, refrigerated equipment and air conditioning), are strictly prohibited Customs does not accept packages or articles labelled / marked with other names of people who are not members of the family group 	
Fumigation of imported and exported wooden crates		 Ecuador 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. 	

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