

## ADVICE TO TRAVELERS:

### • OBLIGATION TO DECLARE GOODS

Anyone entering Colombia must **present their baggage to the customs authorities, together with a completed Form 530, "Declaration by Travelers of Baggage and Monetary Instruments". The Airline will give you this form during your inbound flight. You must submit the form for inspection** to the appropriate customs officials, and show them the items listed on it, so that they can carry out customs formalities and arrange for payment of any fees that are due.

If you **fail to declare** items that are subject to payment of duty and the customs authorities find goods or equipment in your baggage that are:

- subject to the payment of duty, or
- of higher value than the permitted maximum, or
- in amounts that exceed the permitted limits, or
- of a different type from what is authorized for travelers in your category,

or if you do not meet the minimum requirement for length of stay outside Colombia, then the authorities will seize and confiscate such goods or equipment.

### • DUTY-FREE BAGGAGE (UP TO U.S. \$ 1 500)

When you enter Colombia, you are allowed to bring with you duty-free accompanied baggage with a maximum value of up to U.S. \$ 1,500 (fifteen hundred US Dollars) or its equivalent, without any registration or import license.

The personal effects that you bring into Colombia with you will not be taken into account when determining the quota of goods allowed under this article.

### • DUTY-PAID BAGGAGE (UP TO U.S. \$ 2 500)

If you enter Colombia having stayed outside the country for a minimum of five (5) calendar days, you may bring in, without registration or import license, but against payment of duty, accompanied or unaccompanied baggage containing **up to three (3) of each of the following goods: household items whether or not electrical, sporting goods, and goods required for your work, up to a total value of two thousand five hundred US dollars (U.S. \$ 2 500) or its equivalent.**

In accordance with Colombian law (Decree N° 1742 of 1991), **a single rate of duty of fifteen percent (15%) will be charged on the value** of any goods that come in your baggage from abroad that do not qualify for duty-free status.

Payments have to be made at one of the banks or financial institutions authorized by the Colombian Tax and Customs Office that are located at your port or airport of entry in Colombia.

The quotas allowed are **personal and not transferable**. The total value of the goods entered as unaccompanied baggage and accompanied baggage may not exceed the sum of the values given.

The period allowed for import to Colombia of unaccompanied baggage extends from one (1) month before the date of your arrival in Colombia, to three (3) months after that date.

- **TEMPORARY IMPORT OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL USE DURING STAY IN COLOMBIA (SPORTING GOODS FOR YOUR DISCIPLINE)**

**If you live elsewhere and enter Colombian territory temporarily, you may temporarily import, free of duty and subject to re-export, the items you need for your personal or professional use during the time of your stay, provided that you declare them when entering.**

**To do this, the following procedure must be followed:**

**Present to the customs authorities your Form 530 ("Declaration by Travelers of Baggage and Monetary Instruments"), which the airline will give you during your flight. You must enter on this form, in the box provided for the purpose, a full declaration of the details and characteristics of the goods, allowing them to be easily identified and distinguished. In all cases, the minimum requirement is to give details of the amount, brand, model, series and color of the goods.**

When he has completed his work, the customs official at the airport will number, date and sign the statement, giving a copy to the traveler.

On leaving the country, you must present the goods to the customs authorities before handing your baggage over to the airline, so you should get to the airport an hour before check-in time. The officer-in-charge will check the goods and verify that, according to his documentation, they are the same as those that you imported, and will then finalize the official process.

To re-export your goods, you have a maximum period of six months from the date when they were imported into Colombia, renewable by the same deadline. If this term expires before re-export, the goods will be confiscated as stipulated in paragraph 1.14 of Article 502 of Decree 2685 of 1999.

If, at the time of your departure, you are not carrying with you the goods that you declared as temporary imports, according to the established procedure, the customs officer will not give you the necessary stamp, unless you demonstrate, with documentary evidence, a change of customs regime or the loss of the temporarily imported goods.

Sporting Arms: To import weapons, the same procedure will be followed, but you will also need permission from the MILITARY FORCES OF COLOMBIA. This permission must be obtained prior to your entering the country.

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