

Customs charges must be paid within five days of the inspection date. The agent then has two days to remove the goods from the customs yard or, if stored elsewhere, 15 days.

Uruguay has two duty-free zones, at Nueva Palmira and at Colonia. Certain goods from any origin can be brought into these zones, processed and then reexported without the application of import taxes and custom duties.

For further information, contact the Uruguay Embassy in Ottawa or the Consulate in Vancouver (see Chapter V), or write directly to:

Dirección de Zonas Francas
Acevedo Díaz 996
Montevideo, Uruguay

Documentation

Uruguay law calls for import licences; however, they are issued automatically. In addition, all imports must be registered before shipment (see "Import Registration" above). In some cases the importer requires a pro forma invoice.

A commercial invoice in Spanish, legalized by Uruguay consular officials, plus four copies, must accompany each shipment. It should include the name and flag of the shipping vessel or the name of the carrier, the number of the bill of lading, the f.o.b. value as well as the description of all costs up to the c.i.f. value, and details on packaging, measurements and gross weight. Consular fees are not included in the commercial invoice, and will be collected in Uruguay. The fees applicable to consular legalizations can change without notice.

One original of the bill of lading in English must be legalized by Uruguay consular officials, together with two Spanish translations. If the goods are to be shipped from a port without a consular office, you should contact a Uruguay official in Canada (see Chapter V) who will advise you accordingly.

Uruguay authorities may request additional documents such as packing lists, insurance certificates and certificates of origin. In some cases, sanitary, veterinary or free sale certificates may be required.