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Most of the banks listed above have offices in the major cities of the country.

Customs and Other Regulatory Information

i) Documentation

Exporters must ensure that all shipping documents are prepared in Spanish unless otherwise advised. Documents containing errors or amendments may be rejected by customs officials in Ecuador and heavy fines may be levied against the importer.

In addition, all documents must bear the import permit number where an import permit is in fact required.

For all shipments, regardless of value and mode of transportation, the following documents must be presented at the port of entry for customs clearance: (1) copy of import permits; (2) original and three copies of the commercial invoices; (3) certificate of origin (if required); (4) the original (negotiable) and three copies of the bill of lading; and (5) any special documents required due to the nature of the shipment (e.g. sanitary and health certificates).

Pro forma invoices are usually required by the importer to obtain import licences.

There are no known special requirements regarding packing lists; however, their use should facilitate clearance procedures. If in doubt regarding this document, follow the importer's instructions.

Unless specifically waived by Ecuadorian officials, importers must purchase insurance in Ecuador.

As of July 20, 1976, consular authorization of documents is no longer necessary for exports to Ecuador and the consular invoice has been abolished. Payment