

May 24, July 24, August 10, October 9, October 12, November 2, November 3, December 25. In addition to these, other holidays, normally of one day, are decreed by various laws for some cities or industries. Statutory holidays are paid holidays for permanent employees.

Interpreters and Translation Services

Quality interpreters and translation services are available; however, arrangements should be made through the Canadian Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, or through the commercial officer resident in Quito well in advance of your business visit to Ecuador.

Weights and Measures

The metric system of weights and measures is the legal standard and must be used in official documents. Imperial measures are understood in the hardware and textile trades. The following Spanish measures are used in the retail trade:

Weights

1 Libra = 16 onzas = 1.0147 Imperial pounds = 460 grams

1 Arroba = 25 libras = 25.36 Imperial pounds

1 Quintal = 100 libras = 101.47 Imperial pounds

1 Kilo = 2.2 Imperial pounds

Length

1 Vara = 3 pies = 32.875 inches (variable)

Capacity

1 Arroba (dry) = 6.70 gallons

1 American gallon (liquid) = 0.83 Imperial gallons.

Electricity

The domestic voltage is 110 volts AC, 60 cycles. Light fittings are of the screw type and plugs have two flat pins. Industrial power supply of 220 volts, 60 cycles is available.

Dates

Dates, when written in numerical form, normally indicate the day, month, and year, for example, 1/4/88 for April 1, 1988.