

## **MOVING TO BRAZIL <sup>1</sup>**

Moving personal effects and household goods to Brazil requires prior planning and preparation. A simple oversight could result in delays, fines, or even seizure of your shipment. Costs clearing customs can be expensive so it pays to have all your paperwork in order prior to arrival of the shipment at the port-of-entry (POE). Your shipment will clear customs at this port and you will want to avoid having your shipment remaining there for any length of time.

This is where Worldmover Americas can provide you with services and expertise assisting you in preparing for the formalities required by Brazilian Customs Authorities. We have over 21 years experience moving families to and from Brazil.

As soon as you have booked your shipment with your mover using Worldmover Americas as the delivery agent, contact our office at [imports@brazilmover.com](mailto:imports@brazilmover.com) and request customs forms for the port-of-entry your shipment will arrive at.

Some important considerations you should be aware of:

- It is highly recommended that you reach Brazil at least 2 weeks prior to arrival of your shipment at the port-of-entry so you can prepare and complete the necessary paperwork.
- Do not attempt to move a shipment to Brazil with a "Tourist visa". This could result in delays and fines at great expense to yourself.
- Returning Brazilian citizens and Foreigners holding a permanent visa and who have remained at least 12 continuous months overseas can import their household goods and personal effects duty-free.
- Persons holding a valid temporary type V work visa can import their household goods shipments and personal effects duty-free. They are required to re-export all items on termination of their work visa.
- Allow for 9 to 11 business days for customs clearance after all the required documentation has been submitted to customs authorities.
- Do not attempt to ship an automobile or motorcycle with your shipment as it could be detained at customs at great expense to yourself.

## **Sample of the documentation required for customs clearance**

### **Useful information**

- ✓ Depending on the port-of-entry, documentation will vary.
- ✓ All copies are required to be notarized at a local Notary Public <sup>2</sup>.
- ✓ You should make a personal list of what you are shipping. Do not depend on the packing inventory for customs purposes.
- ✓ Your signature on all customs forms will require “authentication” at a local Notary Public <sup>2</sup>.
- ✓ Note that Brazilian Customs can require additional documentation at anytime.

1. *Copies of your current passport.*
2. *Copies of your I.D. Card and C.P.F. Card.*
3. *Detailed inventory in Portuguese with values in R\$. This document will be signed by the you and is an important document for clearing customs.*
4. *Copies of proof of arrival in Brazil (airline ticket or e-ticket).*
5. *We will provide you with a power-of-attorney for your signature. This will allow us to represent you at customs.*
6. *Brazilian citizens and returning foreigners with a permanent visa must show proof of continuous residence overseas for the preceding 12 months.*
7. *Proof of residence in Brazil.*
8. *Several forms to be filled out dependent on the port-of-entry. We will provide you with these forms.*

<sup>1</sup> *Customs regulations in Brazil are subject to change at any time. The preceding information is a brief summary of customs regulations applicable to household goods shipments to Brazil and is being provided for general guidance to assist our Agents and Customers. Since such regulations are subject to change without notice, we cannot be held liable for any costs, damage, delays, or other detrimental events resulting from non-compliance. Always check with the closest Brazilian consulate for additional information before you make your move to Brazil.*

<sup>2</sup> *Notary Publics are widely available in all towns and cities in Brazil.*