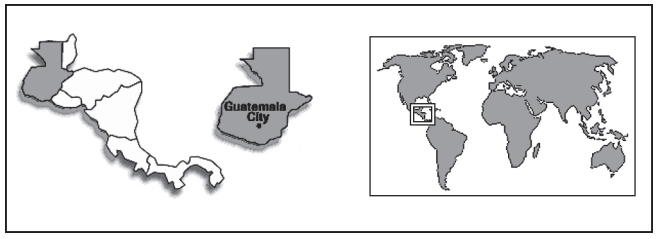
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Guatemala (GT)
Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Guatemala (GUA)
- Local Time : GMT - 6
- Daylight Saving Time : Guatemala does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 502
- Local Currency : Quetzal (GTQ)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date	Special Information
01 Jan 2015	
03 Apr 2015	
04 Apr 2015	
06 Apr 2015	
01 May 2015	
30 Jun 2015	
15 Sep 2015	
20 Oct 2015	
01 Nov 2015	
24 Dec 2015	Half-day only
25 Dec 2015	
31 Dec 2015	Half-day only

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Protocol MP4 (1975)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols/Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.
- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.
- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: Live
  - Cargo declaration required: Yes
  - Good declaration required: Yes
  - Deadline - Import: two hours prior to arrival at airport of entry. For flights under two hours, data should be sent prior to departure
  - Deadline - Export: two hours after departure
  - Further information: Selvin Antonio Lemus Martinez, salemusm@sat.gob.gt

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Guatemala City (La Aurora Airport) - GUA**
  Tel.: +502 (0)2 600311
  Fax: +502 (0)2 600311

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage
Uncleared goods may be kept in store at the airport for one day.
Thereafter storage in town during 90 days.
Cold storage: Available for vaccines and small packages.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Available.

1.2.3. Clearance
In town by broker. By consignee only in case of personal effects or household goods.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Sunday 24 hrs. per day.

1.2.5. Delivery
Not possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Daily possible by broker.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Material which may carry contagious diseases and used sacks are prohibited. When new sacks are used, a declaration that they are new must be attached to the commercial invoice.

2.1.2. Marking
Packages must show country of destination.

2.1.4. Language on documents
English or Spanish.

2.1.5. Other requirements
- Measures and weights: metric system.
- AWB: To prevent fines original and all copies must show signatures of both shipper (or his agent) and issuing carrier. Ciudad de Guatemala, instead of Guatemala City must be used as denomination on any transportation documents. Changes in AWB are permitted through a CCA issuing.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices, (signed by shipper or his legal representative) containing: place and date of sale, name and address of both seller and buyer; marks, serial numbers, quantity and kind (bales, crates, cases, etc.) of packages; exact description of goods; value in the currency of sales contract and in USD, gross, net and legal weight in kg. of each separate article and total weight; country of origin; FOB-value, additional charges for transportation, packing, insurance, etc., CIF-value in currency of sale and in USD. The following signed declaration: “El infrascrito ..... declara y jura ser ..... de la casa de comerciode esta ciuad, calle ..... No ..... que son ciertos los precios y demàs particulares consignados en la presente factura, haciéndose solidariamente reponsable conla casa destinataria por cualquier ilegalidad o inexactitud que por ulteriores investigaciones pudiera constatarse en los datos anotados”.

  Note:
  Lack of documents or any of the details will be fined with GTQ 5.00-100.00
- Import Licence; not required for any goods from the CACM (Central American Common Market)-countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras or Nicaragua and for the following articles: personal effects, small consignments valued less than USD 100.00 (FOB), commercial samples and propaganda material.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices, specifying gross-, legal- and net weight and price.
- Import Licence, except for samples of medicines distributed free of charge.

Samples without commercial value: free of import duties.
With commercial value: deposit for import duties if re-exported within 3 months.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
- 3 Pro Forma Invoices. Gifts may not have a commercial nature.
- Import Licence, except for gifts valued under GTQ 100.00.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals
Health Certificate legalised by Consulate.
Prohibited: All animals on the edge of extinction.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate legalised by Consulate.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
(incl. sporting arms): Import Permit from “Secretaria de Defensa Nacional”.
War material may only be imported by Government.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Import Permit from Public Health Dept. Importation by authorised persons or firms only.

2.3.6. Human remains
Death Certificate. Embalming Certificate.
Identification Certificate. Import Permit from Public Health Dept.

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2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products
Chemical products (incl. insecticides and fungicides): Import Permit from Public Health Dept. The application for the Import Permit must be accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis, directives for use and samples.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Import Permit from Public Health Dept.
Importation by authorised persons of firms only.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs
Certificate of Purity legalised by Consulate.

2.3.15. Others
Various articles (packed foodstuffs, alcoholic beverages, condensed milk, pharmaceutical and biological products, toilet articles) must be registered at Dirección General de Sanidad Pùblica before shipping. Application for registration must contain the statement (legalised by Consulate) that articles comply with any sanitary prescriptions and may be freely sold at the domestic market.

2.4. Prohibitions
Too extensive to list. Shipper should contact Consulate.
See also 2.3.2.

2.5. Charges
2.5.6. Storage

First 12 days	15.00
Thereafter, per day, per kg.	0.11

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