7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations
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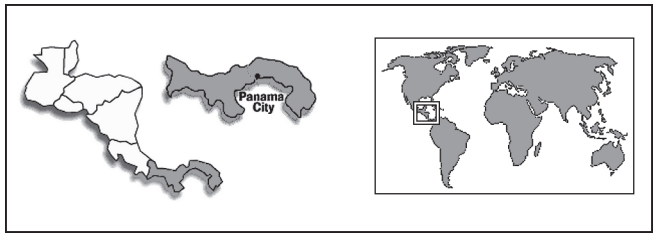
Panama, Republic (PA)
Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Panama (PTY)
- Local Time : GMT - 5
- Daylight Saving Time : Panama does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 507
- Local Currency : Balboa (PAB) & United States Dollar (USD)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
09 Jan 2015
04 Mar 2015
18 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
15 Aug 2015
24 Oct 2015
03 Nov 2015
04 Nov 2015
28 Nov 2015
08 Dec 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  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.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Panama City - PTY**
  Tel.: +507 (0)238-2600
  +507 (0)238-2700
  +507 (0)238-4110 (Customs)
  Fax: +507 (0)238-4725
  +507 (0)238-4110 (Customs)
  E-mail: informacion@tocumenpanama.aero
  Website: www.tocumenpanama.aero

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage
In Bond warehousing at Tocumen Airport by airlines, handling agents and private companies. Unless it is stated on the AWB to hold shipment at the airport, goods are sent to Town Customs Warehouse in Curundù. After 90 days goods are confiscated by Customs authorities.
Cold storage: Available.
Safes for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
In Town Customs Warehouse Curundù or at Tocumen Airport, Customs clearance has to be made by consignee or broker (general cargo). Perishables or special cargo which requires refrigeration can only be cleared at Tocumen Airport as no cooling facilities are available in Customs Town Warehouse Curundù.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 15.30 hrs. (At the airport and in town). Clearance outside Customs hours possible against payment of extra charges, guarantee deposit and after prior arrangement.

1.2.5. Delivery
Possible direct from airport to Colon Free Zone. Bonded trucking services are daily operated by various local companies and forwarding agents.
To Panama City: Only possible after Customs clearance.
To David City: Only possible after Customs clearance and payment of Customs duties, by surface or air.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Under bond from airport:
1. If destined to Panama City: By carrier or forwarding agent, to Customs Warehouse in Curundù (Exprésos Aéreos).
2. If cargo is destined to Colon Free Zone by carrier, forwarding agent or other agents operating daily trucking services to Colon Free Zone with destination to Exprésos Aéreos in France Field.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Health Certificate when hay or straw is used.

2.1.2. Marking
Packages must show marks, serial numbers, airport of discharge, gross weight.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
Spanish or English.

2.1.5. Other requirements
AWB: Panama City's airport serves: Panama City, David, Colon and Colon Free Zone. Address box must show proper customs delivery destination as delivery to incorrect Customs result in high extra charges and serious delays. If temporarily imported boxes "Airport of destination" and "Address" must show respectively "Panama in transit" and "To be held at Tocumen Airport".

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 2 Commercial Invoices in Spanish or English containing: Date; name exporter and that of importer; specification of goods; price per unit and FOB value; discounts (if any); freight, insurance and other charges if delivery effected on CIF basis; shippers authorised signature and statement: "Declare bajo la gravedad del juramento y con la firma puesta al pie de esta declaración, que todos y cada uno de los datos aqui expuestos son correctos y verdaderos y que no se ha hecho o hará ningun arreglo o compromiso que altere el precio de venta que aparece en esta factura".
- Import Licence for most goods.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Value USD 50.00 or less: 2 Invoices with declaration of actual value.
Value over USD 50.00: See 2.2.1.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.2.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
No documents.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals
Live animals (including Birds, Pets, Livestock): destined to Panama including Canal Zone must be accompanied by both (1) recently issued licensed Veterinary's Certificate of Good Health, authenticated by Panama Consul (if one at point of origin), and (2) Panama Minister of Agriculture Import Permit. At consignee's expense (Charge: USD 10.00 admission fee plus USD 2.00 per day for food and care.) All medicines in case of sickness will be charged separately. For certain animals the Certificates must include additional details as follows:
Cats and Dogs and other animals susceptible to or capable of transmitting rabies are quarantined for 40 days without exception. Certificate must include affidavit of Rabies Inoculation which, when from a country not free of rabies, must have occurred (1) from 1 to 16 months if nervous tissue vaccine used, or (2) within 24 months if with chick embryo vaccine, prior to arrival: and must also include description of animal, inoculation date, type of vaccine with its serial number and manufacturer's name and address. If vaccine quality or certificate authenticity is doubled, animal will be vaccinated on arrival at owner's expense.
Fowl (ducks, turkeys, hens, fighting cocks, etc. including Baby Poultry): The Certificate signed by State or Federal Veterinary, must certify that the Fowl are PULLORUM PASSED, and are free of contagious disease.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Restrictions and prohibitions too extensive to list.

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2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Import Licence from Ministerio de Gobierno y Justicia, Panama City. Sporting Arms: Import Permit from Dept. of Justice required.
2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Medicines, narcotics, stupefacient drugs and derivatives: Import Permit from Pharmaceutical Dept. of Ministry of Health.
2.3.6. Human remains
(cremated and not cremated): Death Certificate and Import Permission from Ministerio de Salubridad Publica.
2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
See 2.3.5.
2.3.15. Others
Wearing Apparel: Import allowed, however import duties are very high.
Shoes: Import of ladies shoes unlimited if price is CIF USD 44.48 or more and import of men's shoes unlimited if price is CIF USD 33.69 or more.

2.4. Prohibitions
Blackjacks, coffee, counterfeit money and apparatus for printing of moulding same, foreign lottery tickets, knuckle-dusters, obscene postcards and literature, opium (raw or gummed).
Any books, pamphlets, papers, advertising etc. containing any matter advocating or urging treason or forcible resistance to any law of the country, or containing any material which might be considered subversive; dagger; forging lottery tickets.
See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges
2.5.4. Documentation
Charge: 10.00-12.00
2.5.6. Storage

1. At Customs Town Warehouse "Curundù"

First 3 working days	free
Up to 30 days, per parcel, per day	1.00
Thereafter, per parcel, per day	2.00

2. At Carrier's or Agent's Warehouse (Tocumen Airport)

First 24 hours after the arrival of the consignment	free
Thereafter, up to 30 days, per package, per day	0.75
30-90 days, per package, per day	1.25

3. Charge for cold storage (refrigeration)

Up to 45 kg.	5.00
For each additional 45 kg. or part thereof	1.00
Minimum charge	5.00

2.5.8. Delivery and pick-up
Cartage
From Tocumen Airport to:

1. Customs Warehouse in Curundù.

First 45 kg.	5.00
Each additional 45 kg. or part thereof	2.50

2. Colon Free Zone

First 45 kg.	5.00
Each additional 45 kg. or part thereof	3.00

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.2. Live animals
(Including birds, pets or cats) will pay USD 3.50 daily each animal. Parrots and birds in general, will pay USD 3.50 per cage daily. Animals susceptible or capable of transmitting rabies are limited to transit period of 48 hours. Exceeding time limit may result in destruction of animal.

3.4. Prohibitions
- Consignments arriving by parcel post and to be reforwarded as air cargo.
- Arms and ammunition. Consignments of this nature will be confiscated by the Panamanian authorities.

3.5. Charges
Panama City
3.5.1. General
General shipments consigned to Tocumen Airport for transhipment to another country, AWB, packages and invoices must be clearly marked, "IN TRANSIT-HOLD AT TOCUMEN AIRPORT". Shipment is kept at carrier's or designated forwarding agent for further re-forwarding to final destinations. Cargo "In transit" is dutiable (USD 1.43) plus the charges of the broker, approx. USD 15.00 for the issuance of the Customs Liquidation Form. Cargo which does not comply with the wording "IN TRANSIT" on AWB is subject to payment of 1% of the invoice value. Consignments for crew members or passengers aboard vessels or spare parts for vessels transiting Panama Canal must be addressed to the individual or to the vessel, indicating whether the cargo is for a passenger, crew member or is a spare part for the vessel. Name of the vessel should be clearly stated as well as the words "IN TRANSIT", the address and proper harbour delivery destinations (Balboa or Cristobal) as delivery to incorrect Customs results in high extra charges and serious delays.
3.5.6. Storage

First 24 hours	free
Up to 30 days, per package, per day	0.50
Thereafter, per package, per day	0.75

4. Export

4.5. Charges
4.5.8. Delivery and pick-up

First 45 kg.	5.00
Each additional 45 kg. or part thereof	2.50

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