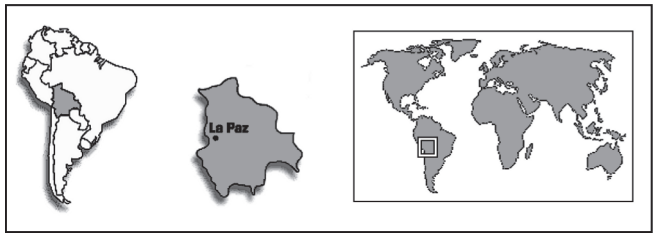
Bolivia (BO)
Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Sucre (SRE)
- Government seat : La Paz (LPB)
- Local Time : GMT - 4
- Daylight Saving Time : Bolivia does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 591
- Local Currency : Boliviano (BOB)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sundays.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
22 Jan 2015
16 Feb 2015
17 Feb 2015
03 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
04 Jun 2015
21 Jun 2015
06 Aug 2015
02 Nov 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Cochabamba - CBB, La Paz - LPB,
Santa Cruz - SRZ (Viru Viru airport - VVI)

1.2. Airport Facilities
Cochabamba, La Paz, Santa Cruz
1.2.2. Storage
Uncleared goods are stored in Customs Warehouse on the airport of La Paz-LPB (ALBO), Cochabamba-CBB (D.A.B.), Santa Cruz (ALBO and D.A.B.) and in the Free Trade Areas (Zonas Francas).
- Cold storage: Available at La Paz and Santa Cruz
- Safe for valuables: Not available
- Room for Dangerous Goods: Available at Cochabamba, La Paz and Santa Cruz
- Room for radio-active materials: Not available

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport In the Customs Warehouse by consignee or his broker, after 5 days of storage. An overtime storage fee will be charged.
1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 08.30 - 16.30 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours is possible for special cargo: perishable goods, merchandise, live animals, human remains and valuables.
1.2.5. Delivery
Only at the cargo Customs Warehouse.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Not possible.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Straw of maize prohibited. The containers, boxes and other packings of wood must be free of bark. Shipments must be packed to ensure safe carriage with ordinary care in handling.
2.1.2. Marking
Packages must show AWB number, consignee's marks and destination. Additionally it is necessary to include the gross weight in every package.
2.1.4. Language on documents
Spanish. (English is accepted for AWB and Shipper Declaration)
2.1.5. Other requirements
Acceptance: All consignments upon arrival in Bolivia must be accompanied with the required documents completed and legalised as prescribed:
- A copy of packing list of all import shipments must be attached to AWB.
- Consignments destined to Bolivia are declared abandoned, for customs disposal, in the event they are not picked up by consignee.
- AWB: On arrival the AWB should consist of at least the original copy plus two supplementary copies.
- When consignments valued less than USD 1000.00 or less than 45 kilograms, consignee can make customs procedures; otherwise requires to hire a Customs Agency.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
All documents must accompany the consignment:
- 3 Original invoices signed and stamped by shipper and containing net and gross weight, price of goods, charges for transport and discounts (if any).
- 3 Commercial invoices (for all commercial consignments).
- Certificate of origin of goods (in exceptional cases only).
- Consular invoice when requested by Customs Office
- 3 Insurance policies (not mandatory) legalised by consulate.
- Certificate (original and one copy) of an International Inspecting Company.
- In some cases (MERCOSUR / ALALC / ALBA), Certificate of Origin.
- Other Certificates, depending on the commodities, restrictions and other regulations.
- Import licence for wheat, flour, edible oil, rice, sugar, saccharine for medical purposes, tobacco, meat, slaugther cattle, Portland cement and restricted quimics.

The Commercial Invoice must be in Spanish and contain: "Numero de Aduana" to be filled in by Consulate, "Destinada a la Aduana de" to be informed of by consignee, Name and address of shipper and Custom's Agent at the foreign transit station, date and number of flight, name and address of consignee in Bolivia. Marks, numbers, quantity and kind of packages, gross weight per package or per group of packages containing the same commodity, quantity in dozen, grosses, litres, etc. Total weight of all packages. Exact description of the goods (a vague description such as "foodstuffs", "iron ware", etc. not accepted), country of origin. Value per unit and total FOB-value in USD, specified charges for transportation, insurance and other charges. The following declaration (legally signed): "Protestamos que los pormenores de cantidad, pesos, calidades, valores y fechas de las mercaderias detalladas en esta factura comercial son verdaderos y correctos y que los precios indicados en ella corresponden a los que se pagan en el mercado".

Besides the documents must contain: FOB-value, CIF- value incl. charges for transportation, insurance, consular and additional charges. The indicated documents must be presented to Consulate for legalization. Any errors or omissions found in the invoice after legalization, can be rectified by Consulate within 24 hours by means of a "Carta de Correccion".

For further and specific information about import regulations please refer to the following website: http://www.aduana.gob.bo

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Value under USD 50.00 (CIF): 2 Pro Forma Invoices.
Value USD 50.00 (CIF) or over: See 2.2.1.
When no commercial value, the invoice must state: "Muestra sin valor commercial. No destinada para la venta."
2.2.3. Gift consignments
Value under USD 50.00 (CIF): Pro Forma Invoice, stating "Gift".
Value USD 50.00 (CIF) or over: See 2.2.1.
Each person may import gifts to USD 50.00 up to 4 times monthly.

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2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
2 Commercial Invoices, legalised by Consulate for baggage valued at more than USD 50.00.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
Health Certificate. Import Permit from Ministerio de Hacienda and Departamento de Sanidad Animal.
Animals for breeding: Pedigree Certificate.
Cats and dogs: Health Certificate, Rabies Inoculation Certificate.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate legalised by Consulate (or if not available by a Consulate in charge of Bolivian affairs). Import Permit from "Direccíon General de Agricultura" (Departamento de Sanidad Vegetal).
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Ammunition (dynamite, gun powder and other explosives): Government permit.
Sporting arms: Import Permit from "Ministerio de Defensa Nacional" and "Ministerio de Finanzas".
Prohibited: Daggers and swords or other sharpened objects.
2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Incl. opium and derivatives, cocaine, heroin and other alkaloids and similar drugs: importation by pharmacies or other authorised persons only, under regulations of Law Nr. 1008 of June 1988, with a previous authorization from the Ministerio de Gobierno.

Note:
There are many other products that need a previous authorization from different Ministries. (Example: airplanes, basic school books, radars, etc.)

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products
Pharmaceutical products: "Certificado Quimico Farmaceutico" from the Ministerio de Salud.
Prohibited: Pharmaceuticals and medicines of unknown composition.
Insecticides and fungicides: Must be registered and approved by Servicio de Sanidad Vegetal.
2.3.12. Foodstuffs
Fresh or preserved: Must be registered in advance at the "Ministerio de Salud". Certificate of analysis. Special regulations for labelling and marking.

2.4. Prohibitions
Not registered pharmaceuticals or medicines (law 1737); foodstuff and beverages in process of decomposition, adulterated or noxious to health; Sick animals; Plants, fruits or seeds with any kind of disease; foreign lottery bills; monetary material; mail stamps or other fiscal revenue stamps; toxic, caustic and radioactive substances, and/or mineralogical wastes that can affect the health or natural environment; melting or mineral processing wastes; cars and other vehicles older than seven years.

4. Export

4.2. Documentary Requirements
For commercial consignments:
- Commercial Invoice.
- Export Declaration.
- Packing List.
- Origin Certificate.
- Other Certificates depending on the commodity.

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4.4. Prohibitions
Any kind of products or services than could affect the public health, the security of the State, the protection of flora and fauna, the ecological balance and the historic, artistic and cultural National Heritage.

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