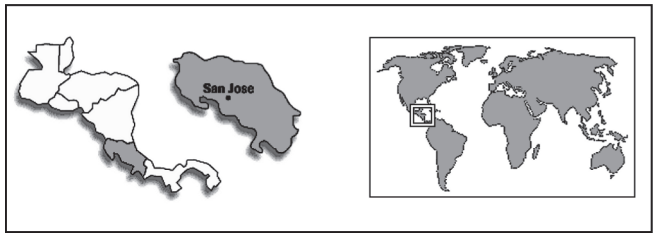
Costa Rica (CR)

Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : San José (SJO)
- Local Time : GMT - 6
- Daylight Saving Time : Costa Rica does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 506
- Local Currency : Costa Rican Colon (CRC)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
02 Apr 2015
03 Apr 2015
11 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
25 Jul 2015
02 Aug 2015
15 Aug 2015
15 Sep 2015
12 Oct 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

- **San José - SJO**
  Tel.: +506 2440-2838
  Website: www.hacienda.go.cr<http://www.hacienda.go.cr>
  www.senasa.go.cr

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage
Uncleared goods will be stored at the Customs Airport Warehouse up to 90 days with possible extension up to one year upon application. Inflammable goods may remain stored for 10 days only. Afterwards goods will be auctioned.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by delivering carrier, consignee or broker.

1.2.4. Customs Hours
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 17.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible at all times and for any consignment against payment of overtime fee.

1.2.5. Delivery
Not possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Not possible.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Hay, straw or used bags are prohibited.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
Spanish.

2.1.5. Other Requirements
AWB: Description of goods must be in full accordance with Commercial Invoice. Value of goods and freight charges to be shown in USD. At least 6 copies per consignment.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial Consignments

- 5 Commercial Invoices signed by shipper (2 copies by airmail to consignee, 3 copies with consignment), containing: full name and address of both shipper and consignee, date and place of despatch, station of both departure and destination, country of origin, date of shipment, quantity of packages, marks numbers and kind of package, contents of each package with detailed description of each article, net weight of each kind of article and gross weight of each package in kg., unit price and total of each article, CIF and FOB value and specification of transportation- and other charges; the following sworn statements signed by shipper, with title of individual, if signed for firm, etc., to be included: “El infrascrito ..... declara y jura, ser ..... de la casa de comercio ..... de esta ciudad, calle ..... no ... que son ciertos los precios y demás datos consignados en la presente factura, haciéndose responsable con firma destinaria por cualquiera ilegalidad o inexactitud que en ulteriores investigaciones pudiera constatarse”.
  “Declaramos bajo juramento que todos los particulares expresados en esta factura son verdaderos y correctos y que la mercadería es de origin de ...”, if errors are discovered in the Commercial invoice, a corrected invoice should be sent to consignee who can clear the goods on deposit of a fee provided he undertakes to supply the correct invoice within 90 days.
- Import Licence for certain goods.

2.2.2. Sample Consignments
Value USD 25.00 or less: 3 Pro Forma Invoices.
Value over USD 25.00: See 2.2.1.

2.2.3. Gift Consignments
Value USD 25.00 or less: No Invoices required, provided the AWB is duly signed by shipper.
Value over USD 25.00: 3 Commercial Invoices or Declarations of Value.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied Baggage
2 Lists of Contents. The baggage must arrive not more than 3 months after the passenger.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live Animals
Cats and dogs: Health and Rabies Inoculation Certificate, “Permiso de Importación” from Ministerio Salubridad Publica de Costa Rica, San José, C.R. All documents must be legalised by Consulate.
Parrots: Health Certificate, “Permiso de Importación from Ministerio de Agricultura y Granaderia de Costa Rica, San José C.R.”: legalised by Consulate and stating that parrots are free of psittacosis, ornithosis and salmonellas and any other contagious diseases.

2.3.3. Plants and Plant Material
Import Permit from the “Sanidad Vegetal de Ministerio de Agricultura” at San José.
Seeds: Import Permit from “Oficina de Semillas”.
Health Certificate for plants, bulbs and cut flowers.
Prohibited: Plants capable to convey plant diseases.

2.3.5. Narcotics and Drugs
Import authorization from “Colegio de Farmaceuticos de Ministerio de Salud”.

2.3.6. Human Remains
Death Certificate.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and Chemical Products
Import authorization from “Colegio de Farmaceuticos de Ministerio de Salud”.

2.3.8. Medicines and Vaccines
Import authorization from “Colegio de Farmaceuticos de Ministerio de Salud”.

2.3.9. Animal Products
Hides (tanned) from cattle: Import Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Certificate of Freedom from disease issued by official veterinary at origin.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs
Health Certificate legalised by Consulate.

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2.4. Prohibitions

Animals for slaughter, untanned hides, meat (fresh, cooled, frozen or dried) from countries where foot- and mouth disease or rinderpest occurs.

Articles capable to convey any disease, plague or injurious weeds, potatoes, narcotics, yeast, non-alcohol beverages containing saccharine, used clothes, coffee plants or seeds and sugar cane, alcohol in containers of over 1 litre, opium and derivatives, essences for use in alcoholic liquor manufacture, foreign lotteries.

See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges

2.5.2. Handling

Per consignment 5.00

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