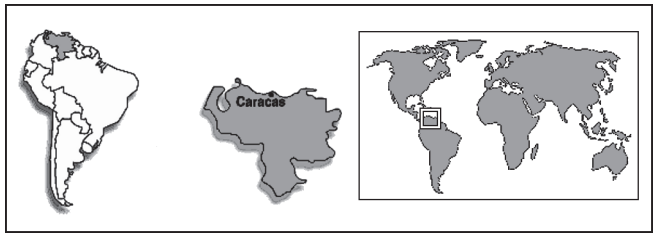
Venezuela (VE)

Amounts shown are expressed in Bolivar Fuerte (VEF)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Caracas (CCS)
- Local Time : GMT - 4.30
- Daylight Saving Time : Venezuela does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 58
- Local Currency : Bolivar Fuerte (VEF)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
16 Feb 2015
17 Feb 2015
02 Apr 2015
03 Apr 2015
19 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
24 Jun 2015
05 Jul 2015
24 Jul 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)

  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

- **Barcelona - BLA (ICAO: SVBC)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional “Jose Antonio Anzoategui”
  Tel.: +58-281-276.1546
  +58-281-275.3125
  +58-281-275.2035
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-281-277.7080
  +58-281-275.4894
  +58-281-275.4894
  +58-281-275.0581
- **Barquisimeto - BRM (ICAO: SVBM)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional "Jacinto Lara"
  Tel.: +58-251-442.3390
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-251-713.9618
- **Caracas - CCS (ICAO: SVMI)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional "Simon Bolivar" (UTC: -4.5)
  Tel.: +58-212-303.1329
  +58-212-303-1330
  Fax.: +58-212-355.1224
  E-mail: info@aeropuerto-maiquetia.com.ve
  Website: www.aeropuerto-maiquetia.com.ve
  Telex: IAAIM-VC-31145
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-212-303.2429
  +58-212-303.2474
  Fax.: +58-212-303.2474
- **Las Piedras - LSP (ICAO: SVJC)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional "Josefa Camejo"
  Tel.: +58-269-247.5596
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-269-250.0145
- **Maracaibo - MAR (ICAO: SVMC)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional de La Chinita
  Tel.: +58-291-641.0941
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-261-735.3033
  +58-261-736.5393
- **Maturin - MUN (ICAO: SVMT)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional "Jose Tadeo Monagas"
  Tel.: +58-291-641.0941
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-291-808.3757
  +58-291-808.3360
  Fax.: +58-291-808.3667
- **Porlamar - PMV (ICAO: SVMG)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional del Caribe "General Santiago Mariño"
  Tel.: +58-295-269.1081
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-295-808.5419
- **Puerto Ordaz - PZO (ICAO: SVPR)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional “Manuel Carlos Piar”
  Tel.: +58-286-632.4978
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-286-965.1601
- **Valencia - VLN (ICAO: SVVA)**
  Aeropuerto Internacional "Arturo Michelena"
  Tel.: +58-241-513.9827
  +58-241-513.9902
  +58-241-513.9809
  Autoridades de Aduana (SENIAT):
  Tel.: +58-241-839.5441
  Fax.: 58-241-839.5447

Clearance for	at Customs airport
Acarigua	Barquisimeto
Aragua de Barcelona	Barcelona
Aragua de Maturin	Maturin
Anaco	Maturin
Bachaquero	Maracaibo
Barinas	Barquisimeto
Barrancas	Maturin
Bejuma	Caracas
Bobures	Maracaibo
Bruzual	Caracas
Cabimas	Maracaibo
Cachipo	Maturin
Caicara de Maturin	Maturin
Calabozo	Caracas
Cantaura	Barcelona
Caripito	Barcelona
Carora	Barquisimeto
Carùpano	Maturin
Casigua	Maracaibo
Cerro Bolivar	Barcelona
Concepción	Maracaibo
Coro	Maracaibo
Cuidad Bolivar	Puerto Ordaz
Cumaná	Barcelona
Dabajuro	Maracaibo
El Callao	Puerto Ordaz
El Tigre	Barcelona
El Tigrito	Barcelona
Encontrados	Maracaibo
Guanare	Barquisimeto
Guanta	Barcelona
Guasdualito	Barquisimeto
Guasipati	Maturin
Guiria	Maturin
Icabarù	Maturin
Jesepin	Maturin
La Ceiba	Maracaibo
La Fria	Maracaibo
La Salina	Maracaibo
La Victoria	Caracas
Lagunillas	Maracaibo
Las Piedras	Maracaibo
Libertad	Barquisimeto
Machiques	Maracaibo
Maracay	Caracas
Mene Grande	Maracaibo
Mérida	Maracaibo
Naricual	Barcelona

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Clearance for	at Customs airport
Palmarito	Barquisimeto
Peraitepui	Barcelona
Puerto Ayacucho	Barcelona
Puerto Cabello	Caracas
Puerto La Cruz	Barcelona
Puerto Ordáz	Barcelona
Punto Fijo	Maracaibo
Quiriquire	Maturin
San Antonio	Maracaibo
San Carlos	Barquisimeto
San Cristóbal	Maracaibo
San Felipe	Barquisimeto
San Félix	Puerto Ordaz
San Fernando	Barquisimeto
San José de Guanipa	Barcelona
San Juan de Los Morros	Caracas
San Lorenzo	Maracaibo
San Rafael del Mojàn	Maracaibo
Santa Bárbara (Monogas)	Maturin
Santa Bárbara de Zulia	Maracaibo
Santa Elena de Uairén	Barcelona
Santa Rita	Maracaibo
Santo Domingo	Maracaibo
San Tomé	Barcelona
Temblador	Maturin
Tovar	Maracaibo
Trujillo	Maracaibo
Tucupido	Barquisimeto
Tumeremo	Barcelona
Turén	Barquisimeto
Upata	Barcelona
Valera	Maracaibo
Valle de La Pascua	Caracas
Villa de Cura	Caracas

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage

Goods not collected within 30 days will be considered abandoned and will be confiscated for sale in public auction by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance

Must be performed by an authorized broker. Unaccompanied baggage with destination Barcelona may only be cleared at Customs town office, which will take 2 - 5 days.

1.2.4. Customs hours

Monday through Friday 08.30 - 12.00 hrs. and 13.30 - 16.30 hrs., - consult your cargo agent.

1.2.5. Delivery

Not possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding

Possible by air or truck, previous Customs Authorities Authorization.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.2. Marking

Packages must show marks, serial numbers, gross weight, net weight, final destination.

2.1.3. Routing

To Free Zone “Free port of Porlamar” (on Margarita Island) via Caracas or direct international flights.

2.1.4. Language on documents

Spanish. If not, the consignee must present an official translation.

2.1.5. Other requirements

- AWB: Contents, value-markings, numbers must be identical to the corresponding data on the other documents. Remarks and instructions for handling, accounting, etc., must be in Spanish.
- Household goods: For consignee to obtain duty reduction, goods must be accompanied by “Cert. of Use” listing all items with approximate value and purchase date, signed & sealed by Venezuelan Consul at point of shipment origin. To pay the lowest possible duties on personal effects imported, consignee must prepare a list of his goods and the depreciated value of each item. Said list of contents must be signed and sealed by the Venezuelan Consulate at point of origin.
  At the time of clearance consignee must either appear in person at Customs with his passport or might designate a custom broker who will carry consignee’s passport.

Note:
Personal effects or household goods must be consigned to a citizen; never consigned to a legal person or institution, company or corporation.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

IMPORTANT: Any discrepancy in the completion of documents will result in heavy fines and delay in delivery.
For purpose of nationalization of imported merchandise, accepting consignees shall present at the respective Customs office, unless disposed of otherwise, forthwith, the following documents, See 2.2.1.

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- Customs Declaration.
- Commercial Invoice (original and copy), Proforma Invoice is **not** allowed for Customs.
- Original of the AWB.
  Those required to said purpose, according to the type of goods concerned.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

See 2.2.1.

2.2.3. Gift consignments

See 2.2.1.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

The AWB must be marked “used personal effects”. It is advisable that a packing list is made out in Spanish prior shipment, and must contain:

- A detailed description of the goods.
- The approximate value of the goods.

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN: For goods originating from ALALC, must be legalized by Venezuelan Consulate or verified by Chamber of Commerce.
See 2.1.5.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.1. General

Consult Consulate or carrier’s office at Caracas as many restrictions are being lifted and/or implemented.

2.3.2. Live animals

Health Certificate legalized by Consulate must accompany consignment. Prior Import Permit from Ministerio de Agricultura y Tierras (Dirección de Ganaderia), number and date of which must be stated on AWB. Carrier’s station manager at airport of Caracas or Maracaibo must be informed of number and date of flight at least 36 hours before arrival, as health authorities have to be advised 24 hours in advance. Import Permit application must indicate quantity of animals and place where they will enter the country.
Dogs arriving together with owner: No Import Licence, provided an additional Rabies Inoculation Certificate can be produced.
Live domestic fowl: Health Certificate must be legalized also by the appropriate government dept. in country of origin, and should state the animals were found free of “avia pneumoencephalitis” (Newcastle disease) and not exposed thereto at any time.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

(except seeds and potatoes for dibbing): Prior Import Permit from “Ministerio de Agricultura y Cria” (Division de Sanidad Vegetal). Health Certificate legalized by Consulate with statement that goods are free of diseases injurious to agriculture and number of Import Licence. Plant and plant material must be entirely free of sand, soil or earth and properly packed in new packing material.
Seeds (except those which are prohibited) and potatoes for dibbing: No restrictions.
Prohibited: Citrus cuttings, fruits, plants and seeds; sugar cane and parts thereof; cut flowers; cotton seeds; cocoa fruits, plants and seeds.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Arms and ammunition: Permission from “Ministerio de la Defensa”.
Explosives: Permission from “Ministerio de la Defensa”.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Biologicals, drugs, medicines, narcotics, pharmaceuticals: Brand must be registered with “Ministerio de Salud y Desarrollo Social” (also applicable to individual consignments).
Prohibited: Opium.

2.3.6. Human remains

Examination Certificate; Defunction Certificate; Permit from “Ministerio de Salud y Desarrollo Social”.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products

See 2.3.5.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines

See 2.3.5.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs

Must be analyzed and registered prior to importation.

2.3.15. Others

Tax free imports into Porlamar require specially authorized licence to consignees.

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2.4. Prohibitions
Natural and artificial pearls; pornographic publications in general; coin manufacturing machinery; coins of copper, nickel and silver; war material; matches; cigarette paper; coin operated gambling machines; tickets of lottery (for instance: horse races), unless importation is authorized by government. See also 2.3.3., 2.3.5. and 3.4.

2.5. Charges
2.5.2. Handling
Consult your cargo agent.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General
Merchandise not re-exported within 30 days will be confiscated.

3.4. Prohibitions
Explosives, flammable substances, fire arms and merchandise of forbidden import.
Shipments in transit containing explosives, firearms and / or any related article are prohibited.

4. Export

4.5. Charges
4.5.9. Taxes and duties
Local taxes apply.

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