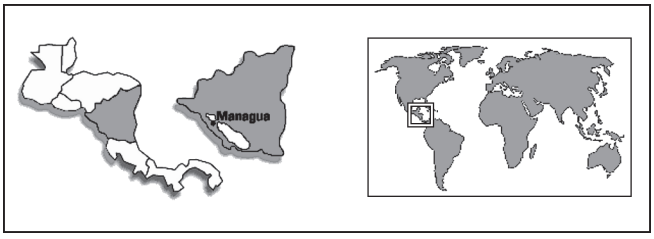
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations
7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Nicaragua (NI)
Amounts shown are expressed in Cordoba Oro (NIO)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Managua (MGA)
- Local Time : GMT - 6
- Daylight Saving Time : Nicaragua does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 505
- Local Currency : Cordoba Oro (NIO)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
02 Apr 2015
03 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
19 Jul 2015
14 Sep 2015
15 Sep 2015
02 Nov 2015
08 Dec 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:

  "Not party to any Convention"

  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

- **Managua - MGA (Las Mercedes)**
  Tel.: +505 2482-2642
  +505 2233-1251
  Fax: +505 2482-2642
  +505 2233-1251
  Website: www.dga.gob.ni<http://www.dga.gob.ni>

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage
Goods, except perishables, not cleared within a reasonable time are stored at Customs Airport Warehouse. Time limit 60 days. Thereafter goods are sold.
Storage for one (1) year is possible at the "Almacèn General de Dépósito". Extension with one (1) year possible.
Cold storage: Not available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by consignee or broker.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. and 14.00 - 16.00 hrs. Saturday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible against payment of overtime fee to be paid to Guards and Warehouse keeper.

1.2.5. Delivery
Only possible if effected by broker.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible by air, also under bond.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Hay, straw and soil are prohibited.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
Spanish.

2.1.5. Other requirements
Foreign Exchange and Import Controls:
1. In general import possible by importers registered with the Ministry of Economic Affairs.
2. Import Declaration for all goods imported by those not mentioned under 1. above must be submitted to Banco Centràl for registration purposes, together with an application for the purchase of foreign currency at an authorised bank.
3. Bank Certificate (evidence that import goods have been paid, or B/E's have been accepted) must be presented to Customs upon clearance.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 3 Commercial Invoices (legalised by Consulate) containing: Name and address of exporter and consignee, date of issue, exact description of goods (indications as machine-parts, hardware, etc. are unacceptable), Customs Tariff Number for goods from Central American Common Market Countries, contents of each package, gross and net weight in kg., country of origin, FOB and specified CIF value in USD (transportation charges are shown on the AWB), the following declaration: "Declaramos bajo juramento que el importe de esta factura de USD... (CIF value in figures and words) corresponde a nuestros libros correctamente llevados y que todos los detallos son verdaderos".
  Corrections after issue to be made by means of a "Carte de Correcciòn" (5 copies) legalised by Consulate.
- Prior Import Licence.
  Legalization: 5 Commercial Invoices must be submitted to Consulate.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Value USD 100.00 or less: 1 Commercial Invoice.
Value over USD 100.00: See 2.2.1.
When temporarily imported, a deposit for normal duties must be paid, or a guarantee given by a local Customs broker.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.2.
3 Certificates of Origin, required when specified in Letter of Credit, certified by Chamber of Commerce, visaed by Consulate, must accompany consignments. Lack of consulate visa will result in a fine of USD 20.00.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals
Prior Import Permit must be obtained from the Health Department for Animals of the "Ministerio Agropecuario y Forestal". Applications for permit must contain the following details: number and kind of animals, breed, sex, identification, means of transport, country of origin, shipping date, purpose of importation, routing and final destination. This department will issue a Health Certificate, to be shown to Department of Quarantine upon arrival.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate. Prior Import Permit must be obtained from the "Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganaderia".

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Prior Import Permit from Ministerio de Defensa must accompany the consignment.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
See 2.3.10.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products
See 2.3.10.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
See 2.3.10.

2.3.9. Animal products
Prior Import Permit must be obtained from the Health Department for Animals of the "Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganaderia". Applications for permit must contain the following details: number of pieces, manufacture, manner of preservation, sort of packing, purpose of importation, country of origin, means of transportation, port of entry, estimated date of arrival.

2.3.10. Others
Various articles (drugs, cyclamates, pharmaceutical products, cosmetics, biological and veterinarian products, insecticides, medicines without identification mark, diet products, colouring matter for foodstuffs): Import Permit from Ministerio de Salud. Prior registration at Direcciòn de Sanidad Pùblica is required.
Application for registration must contain the statement (legalised by Consulate) that the articles may freely be sold at the domestic market.

2.4. Prohibitions
Cigars, cigarettes without identification mark; empty used bags; used clothing for commercial purposes; material for raffles or games; war material; military uniforms and wearing apparel.

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