

MImport Procedures Manual for Imports into Argentina

1. Supplier Identification

1.1 Purchasing from Manufacturers or Brokers

Identify reliable suppliers in the country of origin.
Verify their business background and reputation.
Negotiate commercial terms and purchasing conditions.

1.2 Required Documentation

Request the product's technical specifications.
Obtain brochures and product catalogs.
Request a detailed Proforma Invoice including:
Product description.
Quantity and unit price.
Agreed Incoterm.
Payment terms.
Production and shipping lead time.

2. International Transportation Coordination

2.1 Contact with Freight Forwarder

Select a freight forwarder in the country of origin.
Define the mode of transport (sea, air, or land).

Request an international freight quotation based on:

Gross and net weight.
Cubic meters (CBM).
Number of packages.
Package dimensions.

2.2 Estimated Transit Time

Sea freight: 20–60 days depending on origin.
Air freight: 3–7 days.
Land transportation: Variable depending on route and border customs procedures.

3. International Payment Methods

Telegraphic Transfer (TT).
Letter of Credit (L/C).
Advance Payment.
Documentary Collection (CAD or D/P).
Deferred Payment Terms.

4. Documentation Required for Importation into Argentina

Commercial Invoice.
Packing List.
Bill of Lading (B/L), Air Waybill (AWB), or CMR.

Certificate of Origin (when applicable).
Technical and sanitary documentation, depending on the product.
Certifications issued abroad by private certification companies headquartered in Europe.

5. Import Costs

5.1 Import Cost Calculation

Starting from the purchase price, the total import cost includes:

International freight.
Cargo insurance.
Import duties and customs taxes.
Banking and financial charges.
Port or airport handling charges.
Customs clearance fees.
Inland transportation to the final buyer.

6. Customs Clearance Process in Argentina

6.1 Customs Release Timeline

Submission of customs documentation.
Documentary and/or physical inspection.
Payment of customs duties and taxes.
Release of the goods.
Delivery execution (within 24–96 hours).

6.2 Delivery to the Final Buyer

Coordination of inland transportation.
Delivery registration and tracking.
Verification of compliance with the required specifications.

This manual provides a structured guide for the efficient importation of products into Argentina, ensuring regulatory compliance and cost optimization.