

# *Cuban Customs explains relaxation of import measures*

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Havana, July 29 (RHC)-- The General Customs of the Republic of Cuba (AGR) explained the novel aspects of the new measures for non-commercial imports by natural persons, and the modifications to customs tariffs for air shipments.

In the radio-television program Mesa Redonda this Thursday, Nelson Cordovés Reyes, head of the AGR, highlighted the benefits of the flexibility in the limit of articles to be imported and the modifications in the processing of customs processes through Resolutions 175 and 176 of the AGR.

Regarding the latter regulation, he referred that it establishes the application of the value-weight alternative for the determination of the customs value of miscellaneous and other items that are imported without commercial character by natural persons through shipments.

He commented that the document provides for the equivalence of one kilogram equal to 10 U.S. dollars, thus increasing the exemption limit from 1.5 kilograms (kgs) to 3 kgs and the import capacity of articles classified as miscellaneous and others from 10 kgs to 20 kgs.

The articles contained in the shipment for which the value-weight method does not apply, are valued individually and are considered within the established import limit, he stressed.

In the case of the provisions of Resolution 175 on non-commercial imports, Cordovés Reyes clarified that these are those made on an occasional basis for personal, family or household use, by means of luggage, shipments, household goods or other authorized cargo.

According to the head of the AGR, now it is easier and faster to understand the reference values for their entry into the country due to the reduction to 11 chapters.

The practice of determining the non-commercial nature of the miscellaneous goods by counting the items is eliminated and is defined by their weight and diversity.

For example, he explained that the quantities allowed for computer and communications equipment, which in the repealed resolution were under the heading of Household Appliances, are increased.

According to Cordovés Reyes, the number of cellular phones to be imported has been increased to five, plus the one for personal use, and three microcomputers are allowed, when previously only two were allowed.

The new conditions for non-commercial imports and the rates for shipments are included in the Official Gazette No. 45 Extraordinary of 2022, published this Thursday, July 28.

In the same radio-televised space, Meisi Bolaños Weiss, Minister of Finance and Prices, declared that due to their impact on a sector of the population, the resolutions will enter into force next Monday, August 15.

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