

- (a) A pedestrian crossing the international border on foot may bring in only the amount of alcoholic beverages exempt from the payment of duties in accordance with federal law (one liter every 31 days).
- (b) A person crossing the international border via a common carrier (generally, by bus, ship, or plane) may bring in a “reasonable” quantity of alcoholic beverages (up to five cases or 60 liters).
- (c) A California resident crossing the international border in a vehicle that is not a common carrier may bring in the same amount as a pedestrian.
- (d) A non-California resident crossing the international border in a vehicle that is not a common carrier may bring in the same amount as a person crossing via common carrier.

These thresholds are set and enforced under an agreement between ABC and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. This bill sets a uniform threshold – six liters – for an adult bringing alcohol into the state for personal or household use who enters as a pedestrian or in a vehicle that is not a common carrier, regardless of the adult’s residency status. This bill does not impact a person entering the state via a common carrier.

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