

## **PERSONAL PACKAGES SENT TO YOU IN ECUADOR**

Generally, for packages weighing more than two (2) pounds, it's not worth it at all to have it sent to you in Ecuador. For any package sent to you, you might end up having to pay 50%-100% of its value to get it out of the post office. This is not just a matter of "shipping costs" but is also a matter of dealing with corrupt customs officials who can basically charge you as much as they want to charge you.

Be aware that it may take a 6-8 weeks (and sometimes longer) for packages to arrive. It'll probably be quicker but don't count on it. For these personal packages, padded envelopes seem to arrive faster than actual boxes. The larger the size and weight (i.e. bigger than a padded envelope and weighing more than two pounds), and the higher the declared value that's marked on the package, the higher the customs cost will be that you'll have to pay in Ecuador to get it—this cost that you'll have to pay in Ecuador just to pick up your package is above and beyond what the sender spent on shipping it to you from the U.S./Canada.