

Leaflet No. 1 PASSENGER CLEARANCE - A BRIEF GUIDE

Introduction

This leaflet is intended to help you with Customs formalities on your arrival in Zambia. By reading, understanding and complying with the requirements set out in this leaflet, you minimize the time spent in attending to Customs formalities.

If you are a visitor, we extend to you a warm welcome. We hope your stay will be a pleasant one and that you will come again.

If you are an immigrant to Zambia, welcome to your new home and to all returning Zambians, welcome home.

If there are any matters that you are uncertain of, please contact any Customs Office nearer to you or Zambia Revenue Authority Advice Centre in Lusaka.

ALL ARRIVING PASSENGERS

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

Drugs

Importation of Narcotic Drugs into Zambia is not allowed. The importation of Narcotic Drugs could result in your imprisonment. Whilst on a journey, be wary of carrying packages or baggage for strangers as they might put you in problems. Importation of methadone is prohibited unless authorized by license or permit.

DRUG TRAFFICKING IS NOT WORTH THE RISK

What is smuggling?

Smuggling is any introduction or importation of goods with intent to defraud the government or to evade any prohibition of, or restriction on, or regulation as to, the importation, introduction or exportation of any goods required to be accounted for under the Customs and Excise Act. This is a very serious offence and it carries penalties. There are heavy penalties for concealing dutiable goods from Customs and making false declaration, or presenting false documents such as receipts.

Honesty is the best policy

Do not succumb to the temptation of presenting false documents to Customs on entry into Zambia as means of evading the correct sum of Customs charges or controls. You may have to forfeit the articles, as well as pay substantial penalty. You may also be prosecuted.

ON ARRIVAL

Declaration

On arrival you will receive a customs declaration form known as form CE 7. Personal belongings as well as goods purchased or acquired abroad should be listed on the declaration form, especially if they are-

- In excess of the allowable concession of US\$ 500.00.
- For commercial, business or trade purposes
- Carried on behalf of another person
- Firearms or weapon and other sensitive items.

Please ensure that you have purchase receipts or invoices readily available.

Red and Green Ways out

Where self-selection Red and Green routes are operated, you have the option of making your customs declaration in either the Red channel or the Green channel. You may **follow** the green route only if you have-

- No more than your customs concession;
- No commercial goods or merchandise; and
- No prohibited or restricted goods.

By entering the Green Channel you will be deemed to have made a legal declaration that you have nothing to declare other than your customs concessions.

You should follow the Red Channel if you have-

- More than your customs concession
- Goods for trade
- Any prohibited or restricted goods; or
- Any doubt or enquiries about your goods or personal effects.

Prohibited and Restricted Imports

(a) Importation of goods listed below is prohibited.

- False or counterfeit coins or bank notes.
- Any goods which are indecent, obscene or objectionable material
- Pirated or counterfeit goods.
- Prison made or penitentiary made goods.
- Spirituous beverages which contain preparation, extracts, essences or chemical products which are noxious or injurious.

- Any goods which the importation is prohibited by or under authority of any law.
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However, the Minister of Finance and National Planning may authorize the importation of the goods described above if they are for the purpose of study , scientific investigation, or use as evidence in any court proceedings.

(b) Importation of the following goods is restricted unless accompanied by the relevant licenses, permits, certificates and other legal documents;

- Agricultural produce (e.g., fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and livestock), plants and their products;
- Grain wheat and seed;
- Medicines and Drugs
- Mineral ores and precious stones;
- Firearms and ammunitions; and Pets

Any goods brought in Zambia are subjected to the control of Customs.

The following concessions are available to travelers;

1. WEARING APPAREL AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS

Your clothing and other items of apparel will be admitted free of duty provided they are intended for your own use or wear, and not for any other person or persons or for gifts or exchange.

The term “personal effects” used in the context of this concession covers articles which a traveler may reasonably require for personal use during a journey or has acquired during a holiday overseas (in case of a returning resident).

Commercial quantities of individual items of clothing apparel are not admissible under the terms of the concession.

2. GOODS WORTH LESS THAN USD 500.00

You may be allowed a rebate of duty on goods whose value does not exceed US\$ 500.00 or the equivalent provided that such goods are not intended for resale, gift or exchange. You may be allowed full rebate on food, drink and consumable stores.

3. Other concessions provided under Regulation 86 of the Customs and Excise (General) Regulation 2000 include the following;

- 2.5 Litres - Clear beer

- 0.5Kg of Tobacco or 0.5Kg of Cigars or 400 sticks of Cigarettes
- 2.5 Litres - Wine
- 1.5 Litres –Spirits

Please note that these concessions will only be granted to adult travelers, i.e., persons aged above 18 years or more.

Articles that do not qualify include equipment such as camping gear for tourist.

Articles such as cameras, binoculars, electronics (TV, Hifi, Radio, etc) and fishing rods temporarily exported by residents and registered on a General Registration Certificate, CE 16 will be imported duty free if they are brought back in their original state, provided form CE 16 processed on exportation is presented.

CLEARANCE OF SMALL VALUE COMMERCIAL IMPORTATIONS

Importation for sale with a value not exceeding USD 500.00 should be declared by the importer on Customs and Excise Form CE 6. An officer of Customs will then assess the amount payable and a manual receipt will be issued on Form CE 7.