

### What is smuggling?

Smuggling is (i) any introduction or importation of goods with intent to defraud the government or (ii) evasion of any prohibition, restriction or regulation of importation and (iii) introduction or exportation of any goods required to be accounted for under the Customs and Excise Act. Smuggling is a very serious offence and it carries penalties.

Also, there are heavy penalties for concealing dutiable goods, making false declaration or /and presenting false documents.

### HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

Do not be tempted to present false documents to Customs on entry into Zambia as doing so will result in the forfeiture the articles, payment of penalties and you may also be prosecuted.



## PASSENGER CLEARANCE - A Brief Guide



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## Introduction

This leaflet gives a guide on Customs formalities and procedures for passengers arriving in Zambia to make their passage into the country more pleasant and with fewer inconveniences.

## ALL ARRIVING PASSENGERS

### ON ARRIVAL

#### Declaration

On arrival you will receive a customs declaration form known as form CE 6. 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\$ 1000.
- 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 exits

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 allowable concessions.

You should follow the Red Channel if you have-

- More than your allowable 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. PERSONAL GOODS OF VALUE LESS THAN USD 1000

You may be allowed a rebate of duty on goods whose value does not exceed US\$1000 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 in reasonable quantities.

### 3. OTHER CONCESSIONS PROVIDED UNDER REGULATION 86 OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE (GENERAL) REGULATION 2000

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 travelers/persons above 18 years.

### 4. PERSONAL ITEMS NOT ADMITTED UNDER REGULATION 86

- Goods that do not qualify include equipment such as camping gear for tourists.
- Goods such as cameras, binoculars, electronics (TV, Hifi, Radio, etc) and fishing rods
- Temporarily exported goods by residents and registered on a General Registration Certificate (GRC) form CE 16. However, these goods may be imported duty free if they are brought back in their original state and the CE 16 processed on exportation is presented to Customs.

### 5. CLEARANCE OF SMALL VALUE COMMERCIAL IMPORTATIONS

Importation of goods for sale with a value not exceeding USD 2000 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

**WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!**

#### Drugs

Importation of Narcotic Drugs into Zambia is not allowed, and will result in your imprisonment.

Whilst travelling, be wary of carrying packages or baggage for strangers as they might contain illegal substances such as Narcotic drugs.

Importation of methadone is prohibited unless authorized by license or permit.

**DRUG TRAFFICKING IS NOT WORTH THE RISK**