

GEN 1.4 ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF CARGO

1 CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CARGO AND OTHER ARTICLES.

1.1 The following documents are required for the clearance of goods through Customs:

- (a) Title (endorsement on consignment not acceptable)
- (b) Customs entry in respect of goods including personal gifts even if the value is less than fifty Sri Lanka Rupees.

1.2 All air cargo shipments are free of consular formalities and charges.

1.3 As regards air cargo simply being transhipped from one flight to another flight at the same airport under customs supervision, deposit and shipment papers should be passed.

1.4 No clearance documents are required with respect to goods retained on board an aircraft for on-carriage to destination outside, but the transit manifest may be required for inspection by the Customs.

1.5 Upon exportation, the following documents are required for the clearance of shipments to be exported by air.

- (a) Customs Declaration (five copies)
- (b) Consignment note

2 AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS.

2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Plant Protection Act No. 35 of 1999, no plant shall be imported into Sri Lanka, except under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of a Plant Importation Permit previously issued by the Director General of Agriculture or by an Officer of the Department of Agriculture authorized in writing by the Director General of Agriculture for that purpose. The Import permit should be obtained before dispatch from the country of export.

2.2 Plants, planting material and any plant part (including row extracts, partially processed items) which are prohibited or restricted to import under the Provisions of the Plant Protection Act above mentioned are not allowed to import unless they are imported by a recognized state institute, with a special permission obtained from the Director General of Agriculture.

2.3 Plants, planting material and any plant part (including row extracts, partially processed items) of which the importation is found to have not fulfilled the conditions of import are subjected to special import conditions including inspection, treatment or other disposition as may be deemed necessary by the Director General of Agriculture or an Authorized Officer.

2.4 No person shall import into Sri Lanka any living insects, nematodes, or weeds at any stage of their development, or any virus, bacteria or fungus cultures, except under the authority of an import permit issued by the Director General of Agriculture and in accordance with the conditions laid down in that permit.

2.5 No person shall export any plant, plant part or plant product without the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Director General of Agriculture or an authorized person nominated by the Director General of Agriculture.

3 ANIMAL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS.

3.1 Importation of Animals and Animal products

(A) Agricultural Animals

(a) Prior to importation of all Agricultural animals including Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs, Horses and Day-old Chicks, an import permit should be obtained from the Department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.



(b) All importation of agricultural animals should accompany an International Zoo Sanitary Certificate issued by the government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.

(c) All imported agricultural animals will be quarantined at the Animal Quarantine Station, Colombo or at an Approved Establishment for a specified period, depending on the period of pre-embarkation quarantine.

(B) Pet Animals

(a) Prior to importation of all pet animals including Dogs, Cats and Monkeys, an Import Permit should be obtained from the department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

(b) Importation of all pet animals should accompany an International Zoo Sanitary Certificate issued by the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country

(c) These pet animals should have been vaccinated against the following diseases.

Dogs - Rabies,
Distemper
Hepatitis, Leptospirosis,
Parvo virus infection
Kennel Cough.

Cats - Rabies,
Feline pan leucopenia,
Feline virus rhinotracheitis
Feline calci virus infection.

Monkey - Rabies.

(C) Other Animals

(a) Prior to importation of all other animals including Birds and Live Fish should accompany an Import permit obtained from the Department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

(b) Importation of all other animals including Birds and Live Fish should accompany an International zoo Sanitary Certificate issued by the

Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.

(c) All imported animals including Birds and Live Fish will be quarantined at the Animal Quarantine Station, Colombo or at an Approved Establishment for a specified period depending of the period of pre-embarkation quarantine.

(D) Meat, Meat Products and Animal By-products.

(a) Prior to importation of Meat, Meat Products, hides, Skins, Feathers should etc, an Import Permit obtained from the Department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

(b) Importation of Meat, Meat Products, Hides, Skins and Feathers should accompany an International Zoo sanitary Certificate issued by the Government Veterinary Authority of the exporting country.

(c) All imported Meat, Meat Products, Hides, skins and Feathers etc, will be quarantined at the Animal Quarantine Station, Colombo or at an approved Establishment.

3.2 Exportation of Animals and Animal Products

3.2.1 All necessary International Veterinary Health Certificates in regard to exportation of Animals and Animal Products will be issued by the Chief Animal Quarantine Officer at No. 41, Morgan Road, Colombo 02. Sri Lanka.

Tel: 94-11-2448683

3.2.2 Full details of animal quarantine Fees may be obtained from the address given in para 3.2.1 above.

4. CARRAIGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS BY AIR.

4.1 No aircraft operator shall transport dangerous goods by air to, from or over Sri Lanka without explicit approval in writing from the Director General of Civil Aviation, Sri Lanka.

- 4.2 Permission is usually granted for specified period of time subject to strict compliance with ICAO current technical instructions for carriage of dangerous goods by air and any other conditions, which the Director General of Civil Aviation deems necessary.
- 4.3 Application for permission shall be made to the Director General of Civil Aviation/CEO, Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka, No.152/1, Minuwangoda Road, Katunayake, Sri Lanka. (Tel: +94-11-2252017, Fax: +94-112253038, Email: sldgca@caa.lk) **at least ten (10) days before** the date of the first flight on which dangerous goods are to be carried.
- 4.4 Infectious substances including diagnostic specimens and biological products are not permitted in international mail either to or from Sri Lanka.
- 4.5 English language shall be used for labelling packages and over packs.
- 4.6 A brief text in English language indicating the nature of risk involved shall appear on all hazard labels.
- 4.7 On shipments to, from or transiting through Sri Lanka, 24 hour emergency response telephone number of a person who has all information of the contents in the package (including access, country and city codes) must be provided on the Shipper's declaration form.