



**WORLD BAGGAGE**

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Items	Needed Documents	Customs Regulations	Notes
<p><b>Moved Goods</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Passports (Old/New) of all the family.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>• Insurance policy</li> <li>• Sri Lanka Customs form (baggage declaration).</li> <li>• Resident Visa (12 months for foreign nationals).</li> <li>• Blue card (made by the immigration for duty free entry).</li> <li>• List of articles with estimated value.</li> <li>• Photographs (for antique furniture, statues, ebony wood of assistance at time of re-export).</li> <li>• Bank guarantee (surface shipment over 175cuft).</li> </ul>	<p>Entry is free from duty if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shipment is "bonafide", i.e., it should consist of goods for personal use and for the use of the family members only. It should NOT include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goods in saleable quantities.</li> <li>- Goods for others.</li> <li>- Goods (unaccompanied baggage), which arrive after 90 days of your arrival.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Make a written declaration. Fill all sections of the form, with passport N<sup>o</sup>, last date of departure from Sri Lanka, and date of arrival etc. All currencies, gold jewellery, etc., must be declared with descriptions.</li> <li>• Ensure your passport is endorsed by Customs at the time of arrival.</li> </ul> <p>Entry is free from duty allowances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Period less than 90 days unaccompanied baggage up to US\$ 125.</li> <li>• Period over than 90 days and less than 365 days unaccompanied baggage up to US\$ 500.</li> <li>• Period over 365 days unaccompanied baggage up to US\$ 1000.</li> <li>• Minors (under 18 years) - Period less than 90 days unaccompanied baggage up to US\$87.50.</li> <li>• One year resident visa holders unaccompanied baggage up to US\$. 1,000/-</li> </ul>	<p>The shipper must be present in Sri Lanka prior to Customs clearance can be undertaken.</p> <p>Surface shipments should arrive in Sri Lanka within 3 months of owner's arrival, and air shipments within 1 month. In the absence of the owner, a Power of Attorney must be submitted with a copy of Passport.</p> <p>FCL and Air Shipment must be cleared within 3 days of landing. LCL must be cleared after 3 days of de-stuffing from the containers or demurrage will be incurred for the full day of landing.</p> <p>All shipments are liable to Customs inspections.</p> <p>Customs examinations are normally held at the Baggage office of the Sri Lanka Customs between 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays.</p> <p>Outside Examinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications for customs examination outside the baggage office are entertained only on packages which measure over 175 cuft and will depend on the availability of officers. These examinations are held after 4.30 p.m. on weekdays and within Colombo and suburbs only.</li> <li>• A refundable deposit (the quantum, of which will be decided by the Assistant Director of customs (baggage) on perusal</li> </ul>



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<b>Diplomatic Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>• Duty free certificate made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>• Copy of Passport – endorsed by the Ministry of foreign affairs in Sri Lanka.</li> <li>• Duty Free Clearance Certificate – made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sri Lanka.</li> </ul>	<p>Duty free – only if clearance certificate is produced.</p>	<p>Obtaining duty exception from the Ministry takes approximately 7-10 days minimum.</p> <p>All documents should be in possession of the destination agent at least 5 days prior to arrival of shipment.</p>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturers receipt/insurance</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading/ Passport.</li> </ul>	<p>Duties/Taxes – Subject to local agent valuation.</p>	<p>Shipments must be cleared within 3 days of landing or demurrage will be incurred from the</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original Registration Certificate (written in English).</li> <li>Keys/Exchange Control approval</li> <li>Import license is required for cars over 3 years old and for vans and dual-purpose vehicles over 5 years old.</li> <li>Transport Ministry Approval (for left-hand drive).</li> <li>Insurance policy</li> <li>Tin Certificate and G.S.T. Certificate.</li> <li>RMV cancellation Certificate from country of origin.</li> <li>Marine condition Certificate issued at origin.</li> </ul>	<p>Petrol vehicles: least duty of 80% utmost duty of 90%</p> <p>Diesel vehicle : least duty 175% utmost duty of 200%</p>	<p>first day of landing.</p> <p>The car will be in the Port for customs valuation etc., for a minimum of 7 working days. There will be demurrage incurring for the car, which has to be pre-paid by customer prior to clearance.</p> <p>Customs examinations are normally held at the Motor vehicle yard of the Sri Lanka Customs between 8.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.</p> <p>If motor vehicle is being shipped with personal effects in a container, the vehicle must be loaded in front (near the door) of the container.</p> <p>Import License could be obtained from The Import Controller, Control department, 75, 1/3, 1st floor, Hemas Building, Colombo 1 Tel: 00 94 11 232 6774 / 2324386.</p> <p>All documents should be in possession of the destination agent at least 5 days prior to arrival of shipment.</p>
<b>Boats with engine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of Credit or Direct Payment.</li> <li>Import licence – for engine exceeding 25hp.</li> <li>Exchange control approval/List of items.</li> <li>Bill of Lading / Manufacturers invoice.</li> <li>Defence Ministry/Fisheries Ministry Approval.</li> </ul>	<p>Liabie to payment of duty.</p>	<p>The boat will be in the port for approvals for a minimum of 10-12 working days. There will be demurrage incurring, which has to be pre-paid by customer prior to clearance.</p>
<b>Motorcycles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keys</li> </ul>	<p>Liabie to payment of duty.</p>	<p>The motorcycle will be in the port for approvals</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manufacturer invoice/Insurance.</li> <li>• Original Registration Certificate (English translation).</li> <li>• Exchange control approval.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading/ Passport.</li> <li>• Chamber of Commerce Certificate.</li> <li>• Import licence – for engine exceeding 250c.c.</li> <li>• Certificate of registration cancellation – from the country of origin.</li> </ul>	<p>Engine capacity not exceeding 125 c.c. Customs Duty 10%, Surcharge 20% Vat 10% Port Levies 1% of the declared value.</p> <p>Engine capacity not exceeding 125cc-200cc Customs Duty 10%, Surcharge 20% Vat 10% Port Levies 1% + excise duty 5% of the declared value.</p> <p>Engine capacity exceeding -200 c.c. Customs Duty 10%, Surcharge 20% Vat 10% Port Levies 1% + excise duty 15% of the declared value.</p>	<p>for a minimum of 7 working days. There will be demurrage incurring, which has to be pre-paid by customer prior to clearance.</p> <p>If motorcycle is being shipped with personal effects in a container, the motorcycle must be loaded in front (near the door) of the container.</p>
<b>Donated Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange control approval.</li> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>• Receipt/ Import license.</li> <li>• Letter of credit or direct payment – value exceeding USD 1.000.00.</li> <li>• Tin / vat registration number.</li> </ul>	<p>Liable to duty.– if duty waiver is not obtained from the Finance Ministry and Social Service Ministry, the following taxes should be paid: Duty Percentage is as follows - Customs duty 25% Vat 20% or 10% Surcharge 20% of the declared value.</p>	<p>Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.</p>
<b>Furniture new/office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange control approval.</li> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>• Receipt/ Import license.</li> <li>• Letter of credit or direct payment.</li> </ul>	<p>Liable to payment of duty. Customs Duty 25%, Surcharge 20% Vat 20% Port / Airport Levies 1% of the declared value.</p>	<p>Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.</p>
<b>Mechanical devices, spare parts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Exchange control approval.</li> <li>• Proof of purchase.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>• Letter of credit or direct payment.</li> <li>• Tin number &amp; GST registration number.</li> </ul>	<p>Liable to payment of duty.</p>	<p>Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.</p>
<b>Phones, satellite dish antenna, Fax machines,</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>• Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> </ul>	<p>Liable to payment of duty.</p>	<p>Goods will be detained by customs until telecom approval has been obtained.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receipt/Import license/Telecom approval.</li> <li>Exchange control approval.</li> <li>Letter of credit or direct payment.</li> </ul>		Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.
<b>Pets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>Health and quarantine certificates.</li> <li>Original import licence obtained by the Department of Animal production and Health, Getambe, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.</li> </ul>	Liable to payment of duty.	<p>Advisable to send pets along with passenger on same flight.</p> <p>Applications for Import licence can be obtained from the Embassy of Sri Lanka at origin and should be obtained by customer.</p> <p>No duplicates or copies accepted. These documents should be produced to Customs for clearance.</p>
<b>Wines, liquor, cigarettes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Packing inventory written in English.</li> <li>Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>List of articles with estimated value.</li> </ul>	Liable to payment of duty. US\$. 10/- per litter + Surcharge 20%, VAT 20%, Port/Airport levies 1% Approximately 250 % - 300 % of the declared value.	Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.
<b>Office documents and folders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of Purchase</li> <li>Letter of credit or direct payment.</li> <li>Original Bill of Lading or Airway Bill</li> <li>Exchange control approval.</li> <li>Packing inventory written in English</li> </ul>	Liable to payment of duty.	Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.
<b>Exhibition items</b>	SEE OFFICE DOCUMENTS	Liable to payment of duty.	Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.
<b>Electrical devices</b>	SEE OFFICE DOCUMENTS	Liable to payment of duty.	Do not underestimate. There will be penalties and high duties.
<b>Banned items</b>		Banned goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sri Lanka currency over Rs.250/-</li> <li>Indian &amp; Pakistan currencies.</li> <li>Gold, Silver and Gems.</li> <li>Dangerous drugs.</li> </ul>	NOTE: A false or non-declaration is an offence and may involve heavy penalties like forfeiture. When in doubt, contact a customs officer.

