

GEN 1.3 ENTRY, TRANSIT, AND DEPARTURE OF PASSENGERS AND CREW

1 Customs Requirements

1.1 *Arriving Passengers and Crew*

1.1.1 All incoming passengers and their baggage are subject for Customs inspection and/or examination.

1.1.2 Articles included in the baggage are subject to release after Customs inspection and/or examination.

1.1.3 Alcoholic beverages, pork and their by-products, dogs and dangerous animals, gun powder and explosives, weapons, firearms, ammunition and spear guns and certain type of chemicals will not be permitted to be carried into the country by passengers/crew unless they possess a valid permit or licence.

The following items are totally prohibited:

- Materials contrary to Islam
- Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- Pornographic materials
- Idols for worship
- Pigs

1.1.4 Import duty will be levied on all items imported, other than those considered by the Customs to be solely for personal use.

1.2 *Departing Passengers and Crew*

1.2.1 All out-going passengers/crew and their baggage are subject for Customs inspection and/or examination.

1.2.2 Articles included in the baggage are subject to release after Customs inspection and/or examination.

1.2.3 Passengers/crew will not be allowed to take any item which requires an export licence (or a special permission from any Government Authority) except in limited quantities as determined by the Customs.

2 Immigration Requirements

2.1 *Arriving Passengers*

2.1.1 Foreigners entering into the Republic of Maldives should fulfill the following requirements for the grant of entry permits into the country.

- a) Possession of a valid international travel document issued by the Government of a Sovereign State.
- b) Possession of a valid air ticket or sea passage together with necessary visas for their onward journey to the next destination.
- c) Possession of a minimum of US\$ 50.00 per person per day or its equivalent in a foreign currency acceptable to the Maldives Monetary Authority for the intended period of stay in the Maldives with the exception of
 - i) Diplomats
 - ii) UN Personnel
 - iii) Approved persons for employment
 - iv) Technical and other experts attached to the government
 - v) Those who have confirmed bookings in registered Tourist Resorts/Hotels

- vi) Those sponsored by Maldivians
- vii) Foreigners married to Maldivians, whose marriage is duly registered in the appropriate Court of Law in the Maldives; and children born to them of that marriage.

2.1.2 No visa is required for entry into the Maldives. A 30-day entry permit will be issued to all foreigners on arrival at all ports of entry, except for ordinary passport holders of Brunei Darussalam whom they were granted for 15 days.

2.1.3 An entry permit does not allow an alien to take up employment, set up any business or exercise any profession whether paid or unpaid except with the consent and in conformity with the pertinent laws and regulations of the Maldives. However, an alien or foreign delegation visiting the Maldives to conclude business agreements, contracts or to negotiate business transactions with their counterparts do not require work permits if the stay does not exceed 30 days.

2.1.4 Aliens who stay beyond the period for which they have been granted the entry permit may be deported.

2.1.5 The Government of Republic of Maldives allows admission of Merchant Seafarers on Seaman book provided that :

1. Arriving to join a registered foreign vessel as a crew member.
2. The vessel is in Maldives or called to anchor in Maldives.
3. Agent or owner of the vessel notifies immigration 24 hours before the crew arrive Maldives.

2.1.6 Disembarkation card must be filled by every passenger and submitted to the Immigration Officer on entry.

2.2 ***Departing Passengers***

2.2.1 All persons leaving the Republic of Maldives must submit a valid passport/travel document and an embarkation card to the Immigration Officer.

2.3 ***Transit Passengers***

2.3.1 Transit passengers may enter or remain in the terminal and should leave within 24 hours of arrival in the Republic of Maldives.

Arriving Departing and Transit Crew

2.3.2 As regards a flight crew member on scheduled services who retain his/her passport in his/her possession when embarking and disembarking, remains at the airport where the aircraft has stopped or within the confines of the Islands adjacent there to, departing on the same aircraft or in his/her next regularly scheduled flight out of Maldives, his/her passport or valid international travel document is acceptable for temporary admission in to Maldives.

3 **Public Health Requirements**

3.1 All passengers coming directly from an area infected with yellow fever are required to provide a yellow fever vaccination certificate on arrival.

3.2 On departure, no health formalities are required.