

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) commercial invoice
- b) packing list
- c) air waybill
- d) import licence for commercial goods.
- e) customs declaration for imports

1.1.1 No advance notification is required but the documents must be lodged with customs for the clearance of goods.

1.2 The Cargo Manifest is required required by customs to transship air cargo from one flight to another flight at the same airport under customs supervision.

1.3 The Cargo Manifest is required for clearance with respect to goods retained on board an aircraft for on carriage to a destination outside the Republic of Maldives.

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

- a) customs declaration for exports
- b) export licence
- c) commercial invoice.
- d) air waybill

2 Agricultural Quarantine Requirements

2.1 Importing of unprocessed coconuts and coconut seedling is prohibited

2.2 Importing of all narcotic plants is prohibited.

2.3 All plant materials imported require a Phytosanitary certificate issued by an authorised institution of the exporting country.

2.4 Importing and exporting of all Bio-control agents require prior written permission from the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and marine resources.

2.5 Importing of any type of soil, and agro-chemicals, including mineral and organic fertilizers, requires prior written permission from the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources and the Ministry of Defence and National Security.

2.6 Any aquatic living organism imported, either marine or fresh water for any purpose requires an accompanying veterinary - sanitary certificate issued by an authorised institution of the exporting country.

2.7 Importing of fresh water ornamental organisms for commercial purposes requires prior written permission from the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources

2.8 Importing of any marine organism for any purpose requires prior written permission form the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources.

- 2.9 Exporting the following organisms and their products is prohibited; corals with the exception of organ pipe coral, black coral, trochus, triton shells, oysters, giant clams, lobsters, all types of live baitfish, bigeye scad less than 6 inches, eels, pufferfish, parrotfish, napoleon wrasse, skates and rays, whale shark, dolphins, whales, and turtles.
- 2.10 Marine organisms in live or processed form can be exported only under an export license issued by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. Prior permission for export of large yellowfin tuna products are required from the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources and Public Health Laboratory.
- 2.11 Export of marine and terrestrial organisms in live or processed form for research purposes requires prior written permission from the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture.
- 2.12 The Health Authority may, when necessary, inspect food stuffs and animal products which are being imported. If they appear to be spoilt or found contaminated by pathogenic organism, they may be destroyed.
- 2.13 All animals and animal products imported to the Republic of Maldives should have approved veterinary health certificate. As dogs, pigs and dangerous animals are prohibited by law, special permission prior to importation should be procured from the health authority.
- 2.14 A valid certificate showing vaccination of rabies should accompany each warm blooded animal such as dogs, cats etc.
- 2.15 No corpse, human remains, or human bones other than cremated ashes should be imported, exported or transhipped without prior written permission from the Health Authority.
- 2.16 Prior permission must be obtained in writing from the Ministry of Defence and National Security for import of dogs and other dangerous animals.

3 Arms and Explosives Requirements

For importation, exportation and transhipment of all arms, explosives, components parts, chemicals, ammunition and weapons including swords, sword-sticks, kukris, daggers, spear guns, arrows, crossbows, blow-guns, toy pistols, air-guns, etc are strictly controlled. Special permission must be obtained to import, export or transship these items. The said permission shall be granted by the Ministry of Defence and National Security, Male', Republic of Maldives and application should be made in writing 14 days in advance to the same Ministry.