



CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR TOURISTS

Goods to Declare

Nothing to Declare

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MUST KNOW

I. PROHIBIT ARTICLES

1. Drugs and their derivatives and products prohibited by the "Narcotics Hazard Prevention Act": poppy seeds, coca seeds, marijuana seeds, marijuana derivatives containing over 10ppm of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), etc.
2. Firearms (pistol, air guns, etc.), ammunition (bullets, explosives, etc.), police weapons (handcuffs, expandable batons, etc.), and knives (sharpened samurai swords, brass knuckles, crossbow, etc.) prohibited by the "Controlling Guns, Ammunition and Knives Act".
3. Fake or spurious currencies or securities, or moulds for printing counterfeit currency.
4. Articles infringing upon the rights of patents, trademarks, and copyrights. Regarding passengers carrying copies for private use, every individual shall carry one copy of each work.
5. Other articles prohibited by law from importation or exportation.

II. REGULATIONS GOVERNING IMPORT & EXPORT

1. If the total value of the articles carried exceeding USD20,000, inbound/outbound passengers shall apply to the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) for an import or export permit, and make an Import/Export Cargo Declaration to Customs. For applying for import/export permits, please contact the BOFT via +886-2-23510271.
2. Articles subject to other import or export regulations should be processed pursuant to the provisions of governing laws and regulations.

III. REGULATIONS OF PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. To import or export CITES-listed species, the

CITES import/export permit or certificate is required and shall be submitted to Customs.

2. To import or export **live wildlife or protected wildlife products** regulated by the "Wildlife Conservation Act", the permit issued by the Council of Agriculture (for land species) or the Ocean Conservation Administration (for marine species) is required.

IV. MONEY LAUNDERING CONTROLLED ITEMS

Inbound/outbound passengers carrying money laundering controlled items

exceeding the following limits are required to **declare to Customs**:



1. **New Taiwan Dollars**
NTD100,000. The excess amount is not allowed to be carried into or out of Taiwan.
2. **Chinese Yuan (Renminbi)**
CNY20,000. The excess amount is not allowed to be carried into or out of Taiwan.
3. **Foreign Currencies (incl. HKD · MOP)**
Total face value of USD10,000 (or its equivalent). There is no limitation on the amount carried into or out of Taiwan after completion of declaration.
4. **Negotiable securities (incl. bearer traveler's checks, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other forms of securities)**
Total face value of USD10,000 (or its equivalent). There is no limitation on the amount carried into or out of Taiwan after completion of declaration.
5. **Gold**
Total value of USD20,000 (or its equivalent). The excess amount is not allowed to be carried into or out of Taiwan without a permit from the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) (Tel: +886-2-23510271).
6. **Diamonds, Precious stones and/or Platinum (not intended for personal use).**

Total value of NTD500,000 (or its equivalent). When the total value of items exceeds USD20,000 (or its equivalent), the excess amount is not allowed to be carried into/out of Taiwan without a permit from the BOFT (Tel: +886-2-23510271).

Failure to declare or a false declaration may lead to confiscation of the items or a fine equivalent to the value of the items.

Note:

- ♥ The limits on each item listed in PART IV are applied independently, and on any individual of all ages. For example, a passenger could carry NTD100,000, CNY20,000, and USD10,000 without a declaration.
- ♥ A written declaration shall be submitted to Customs at the **Red (Goods to declare/Customs service) Channel** upon arrival, or at the **Customs Service Center** upon departure.

DEPARTURE

I. PROHIBIT ARTICLES

(Please refer to "MUST KNOW") Besides, antiquities pursuant to the "Cultural Heritage Preservation Act" are not allowed to be carried out of Taiwan.

II. Outbound passengers shall declare to Customs prior to checking luggage if carrying:

1. Species listed in CITES or subject to the Wildlife Conservation Act. (Please refer to "MUST KNOW")
2. Money laundering controlled items exceeding the limits. (Please refer to "MUST KNOW")
3. The export permit issued by the BOFT is required if outbound or transit passengers carrying the following items:
 - (1) Articles listed in the "Consolidated List of Commodities Subject to Export Restriction and Commodities Assisted by Customs for Export Examination".

- (2) Other articles, excluding for personal use and what subject to the foregoing provisions, are exceeding total value of USD 20,000.

4. Exhibition articles.

5. **Dutiable articles to be re-imported.** (Articles will be exempted from duties when being re-imported if the declaration is made.)

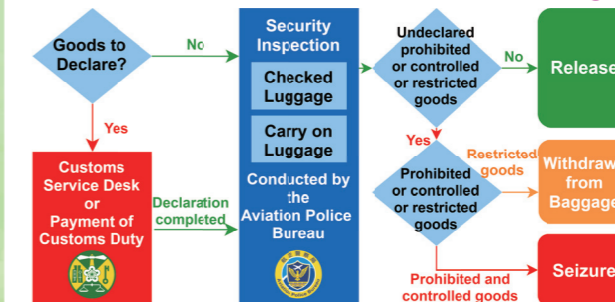
6. Goods of CARNET.

7. Samples from a bonded factory.

Note:

- ♥ To export some articles above is required to make an **export cargo declaration** during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 9am-3:30pm, holidays excluded).
- ♥ **Goods Declaration Service:**
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III. Clearance Procedures for Outbound Passengers



IV. Other Related Regulations for Departure

For flight security reason, there are regulations for carry-on or checked baggage as follows:

1. Containers filled with liquid more than 100ml each are only permitted in checked baggage.
2. Portable chargers are only permitted in carry-on baggage.

3. Dangerous goods (e.g. lithium battery, lighters, or reactive chemicals) or other suspicious articles hazardous to flight safety might not be carried by carry-on or checked baggage onto the aircraft. For other information about aviation security inspection, please refer to the website of Aviation Police Bureau. (Tel: +886-3-3982433)

V. Contact Information

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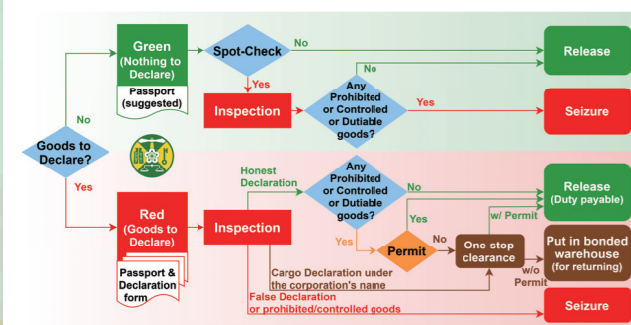
I. PROHIBIT ARTICLES (refer to "MUST KNOW")

II. Inbound passengers shall declare to Customs if carrying:

1. Tobacco products or alcoholic beverages in excess of exemptions. (Please refer to Part III)
2. Articles in excess of duty exemptions. (Please refer to Part IV)
3. Species listed in CITES or subject to the Wildlife Conservation Act. (Please refer to "MUST KNOW")
4. Money laundering controlled items exceeding the limits. (Please refer to "MUST KNOW")
5. Fresh fruits, seeds, live plants or fresh products thereof, or live animals or products thereof. (Please refer to Part V)
6. Agricultural or food products, medicine, veterinary drugs, environment pesticides or cosmetics for personal use in excess of allowed quantities. (Please refer to Part VI. VII.VIII)
7. Restricted or controlled articles. (Please refer to Part IX.X)
8. Unaccompanied baggage. (Please refer to Part XI)
9. Any other articles which are not subject to duty exemptions, or are entitled to declaration.

Note:

- Passengers carrying articles listed in Part I or II shall declare to Customs via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** upon arrival.
- Passengers without articles to be declared may pass through the **Green (Nothing to Declare) Channel**.
- If in doubts, please proceed to the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** for consultation so as to avoid violation of regulations.
- Do not carry baggage for other person. Passengers shall bear legal liabilities for any prohibited, restricted or dutiable articles inside the baggage.
- Clearance Procedures for Inbound Passengers:**



The Red and Green Channel system (Dual-Channel system)

The Red and Green Channel system (Dual-Channel system) is operated at passenger entry checkpoints to expedite customs clearance of inbound passengers. Inbound passengers decide by themselves to pass through the Green (Nothing to Declare) Channel or Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel according to the categories, quantities, value or intend uses of the articles carried. Passengers passing through the Green Channel are regarded as carrying nothing required to be declared. Hence, if found with any articles violating the regulations during the random inspection at the Green Channel, passengers will be subject to enforcement action including confiscation, fines or prosecution.

III. Tobacco Products and Alcohols

1. Exemptions and Limitations:
(per inbound passenger aged 20 and over)

	Exemptions	Limitations
Alcoholic Beverages	1 liter in total	5 liters in total (※ 1 liter in total from Mainland China)
Tobacco Products	200 cigarettes, or 25 cigars, or 1lb of smoking tobacco	1,000 cigarettes, or 125 cigars, or 5 lbs of smoking tobacco

※ Including tobacco products and alcoholic beverages purchased in duty-free shops.
 ※ The maximum amount carried shall comply with the limitations, where taxes shall be levied on the portion exceeding the exempt amount.

- Passengers carrying items exceeding the exempt amount shall declare to Customs via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** upon arrival.
- Failure to declare or a false declaration will result in the **confiscation** of portion exceeding the exempt amount, and **being fined**.

Items	Table of Fines
Alcoholic beverages	≤ 10% alc./vol. NTD 500 / liter
	> 10% alc./vol. NTD 2,000 / liter
Cigars	wrapped in paper NTD 500 / 25 cigars
	wrapped in leaf tobacco NTD 4,000 / 25 cigars
Cigarettes	NTD1,000 / 200 cigarettes
Smoking Tobacco	NTD3,000 / pound

IV. Duty Exemptions of Baggage

- Used personal articles: unit price of which is less than NTD10,000.
- Other personal or household articles (except for controlled goods, tobacco products, or alcohols):

total value of which is **not exceeding NTD20,000**.

But the following articles are not applied:

- Articles carried apparently for business or commercial purpose.
- Articles carried by the passenger who frequently travels in and out of the country and has prior customs violation record.

Note:

- Passengers carrying articles exceeding the duty exemption allowance shall declare to Customs via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel**.
- Failure to declare or a false declaration** may lead to **confiscation** of the items or a fine 1-3 times to the value of the items.

V. Fresh fruits, seeds, live plants or fresh products thereof, or live animals or products thereof

- Fresh fruits are banned.
- Seeds, live plants and fresh products thereof, and live animals and products thereof are banned unless compliant with quarantine regulations.

VI. Agricultural or Food Products for personal use

- Agricultural products: **6 kgs** in total.
- Milled rice, roasted or prepared peanut, prepared garlic, dried day-lily flower, dried mushrooms and tea: **1 kg** each.
- Products from China:
 - Dried scallops, dried abalone, edible bird's nest and dried shark's fin: **1.2 kgs** each.
 - Canned products from China: **6 cans** each.

VII. Medicines for personal use

- Western Medicine**
 - Non-prescription medicine:** up to **12 bottles** (boxes, cans, bars, sticks) per type, and up to a maximum of **36 bottles** (boxes, cans, bars, sticks).
 - Prescription medicine:** up to a **2 months'** supply if no prescription is presented, and up

- to a **6 months'** supply if with prescription.
 - Controlled drugs:** up to a **6 months'** supply if prescription is presented.
 - Injections:** a prescription shall be presented.
- 2. Chinese Medicine**
- Ingredients:** up to **1 kg** of each type, and up to a maximum of **12 types**.
 - Preparations:** up to **12 bottles** (boxes) of each type, and up to a maximum of **36 bottles** (boxes).
 - Amount exceeding the said limits: up to a **3 months'** supply if prescription is presented.
 - For any Chinese medicines containing ingredients made from protected wildlife species, the certificate issued by the Council of Agriculture is required.

- Fresh preparations, in capsule or tablet form:** up to **12 bottles** (boxes) of each type, and up to a maximum of **36 bottles** (boxes).
- Contact lenses:** up to **60 pieces** contact lenses with the same diopters, and up to 2 diopters is allowed. (All of them shall be the same brand.)
- The permit issued by TFDA is required for carrying the following items: (Tel: +886-2-27878200)
 - Medicines, food preparations or contact lenses in excess of the prescribed limits above.

VIII. Cosmetics

A prior approval from the TFDA is required for carrying the following cosmetics: (Tel: +886-2-27878000)

- Glass Ampoule Cosmetics
- Specific Purpose Cosmetics
 - Including sunscreen, hair dye, perm agent, antiperspirant and deodorant, teeth whitening agent and other designated ingredients.



- Up to **12 pieces** (bottles, boxes, jars, bags) per type of such cosmetics, and up to a maximum of **36 pieces** (bottles, boxes, jars, bags).

IX. Controlled Items

Controlled items referred to in the "Customs Anti-smuggling Act" :

- The following items carried by inward passengers **exceeding the allowed quantities** announced by competent authorities **for personal use:**
 - Products from China** prohibited from import.
 - Medicines or Veterinary drugs.**
 - Specific purpose cosmetics** (e.g. hair dye, sunscreen, perm agent, antiperspirant and deodorant, teeth whitening agent, etc.)
- Prohibited articles** subject to other regulations from import or restricted articles only allowed to be imported with approval. For instance:
 - Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.
 - Medical devices.
 - Prohibited/counterfeit veterinary drugs, prohibited/counterfeit agro-pesticides.
 - Plants or products thereof and animals or products thereof prohibited from import.
 - Police weapons or Controlled articles refer to in the "Smuggling Penalty Act" .
 - Products from China prohibited from import.
 - Articles with import or export restrictions.

X. Other Regulations Governing Importation

- To import designated items shall apply to the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) for the **commodity inspection**, except for the following articles carried **for personal use** :
 - Home appliances and electronics (e.g. **TV, speakers, microwave, hair dryer, vacuum**

cleaner, lighting equipment): same specification or type not exceeding total value of USD1,000, or exceeding USD1,000 but not more than **2 pieces**.

- Toy:** same specification or type not exceeding total value of USD1,000 and **5 pieces**, or 1 piece of the total value exceeding USD1,000.
- To import articles involving regulations of importation shall apply to the competent authorities for the import permit. For instance, to import more than **5 pieces** of wireless telecommunications terminal equipment (TTE) or low-power radio-frequency devices (LPD) (e.g. **walkie-talkie, devices with Bluetooth or WIFI functions**), a prior approval from the National Communications Commission(NCC) is required.

XI. Unaccompanied Baggage

- If one carries unaccompanied baggage, please declare to Customs via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** upon arrival.
- Unaccompanied baggage shall be imported **before the passenger's entry or within 6 months** from the date of entry. Moreover, after arriving Taiwan, passenger (or his/her proxy) shall make an import cargo declaration **within 15 days** from the day following the arrival date of the means of transportation carrying the unaccompanied baggage.

XII. Contact Information

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※ **This brochure is for reference only. The latest regulations shall prevail if there is any amendment.**
 ※ **For the latest regulations about inbound passengers, please refer to the " Travelers " section on our website.**