



International Moving

Import Customs Rules & Regulations Sri Lanka

Please ship direct to Colombo Port / Airport for delivery to residence in Sri Lanka only. All information relating to customs regulations and documentation requirements are subject to change without prior notification. GAC will not be held responsible / liable for delays and costs involved due to these changes.

PORT OF ENTRY / DISCHARGE

Colombo Port

AIRPORT OF ENTRY

Bandaranayake Airport (CMB), Colombo - Sri Lanka

NON-DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

• SHIPMENT DECLARATION

Used household goods and personal effects

• CONSIGNEE DETAILS

Consignee Name (as per passport)

Consignee's local address in Sri Lanka

Local telephone / fax number

• SHIPPER DETAILS

Consignee Name (as per passport)

Agent's local address

Local telephone / fax number

NOTIFY

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DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

• SHIPMENT DECLARATION

Used household goods and personal effects / Diplomatic goods

• CONSIGNEE DETAILS

Consignee Name (as per passport)

Name of Embassy or Diplomatic Mission (Ex. UNHCR / EU / High Commission etc.)

Local address in Sri Lanka

Telephone / fax number



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• SHIPPER DETAILS

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NON-DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS: USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS + CAR

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Used household goods, personal effects and one used car, chasis no / colour / make / engine no / engine capacity

• CONSIGNEE DETAILS

Consignee Name (as per passport)
Consignee's local address in Sri Lanka
Local telephone / fax number

• SHIPPER DETAILS

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Agent's local address
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Used household goods, personal effects and one used car, chasis no / colour / make / engine no / engine capacity, diplomatic goods and car

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR HHGS

NON-DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

- Original Bill of Lading or Express Release B/L / Airway Bill
- A fully detailed packing list / Inventory in English,
- Original Passports (old / new) of the whole family,
- Resident Visa (one year for Foreign Nationals),
- Bank Guarantee – For FCL / LCL Shipments only
- Photographs – For antique furniture / statues / ebony would be of assistance at the time of re-export
- Authorization letter to be arranged locally, signed by consignee (form submitted by GAC)
- Full address and telephone number of consignee in Sri Lanka
- A pre-alert email with brief details of sea / airfreight shipment should be sent at least 4-5 working days prior to arrival
- One set of original documents should be attached to every air freight shipment

Note: Packing inventories should be clear and distinctly mentioned total numbers of packages on the inventory, bill of lading and other related documents should tally. A Bank Guarantee is required to move container out of Colombo sea port for inspection at residence / warehouse if permitted by Sri Lanka Customs.

DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS

- Original Bill of Lading or Express Release B/L / Airway Bill
- A fully detailed packing list / Inventory in English
- Certified copy of passport by the Embassy
- Original Duty Free Clearance Certificate obtained by The Ministry of External Affairs in Sri Lanka
- Photographs – For antique furniture / statues / ebony would be assistance at the time of re-export



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- All diplomatic household goods shipments to SRI LANKA should be marked and consigned to the respective Embassy

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IMPORTS REGULATIONS / CUSTOMS CLEARANCE: FOR UNACCOMPANIED PASSENGER BAGGAGE

- Personal effects are subject to open inspection by customs authorities
- Consignee / shipper should be present in Sri Lanka for customs clearance
- Surface shipment should arrive in Sri Lanka within three months of shipper / consignee's arrival
- Should the shipper's / consignee's organization qualify for duty free facilities, a Duty Free Certificate should be obtained from the ministry of External Affairs in Sri Lanka and submitted to GAC prior to the arrival of the shipment
- For FCL shipments, if Sri Lanka Customs approves a customs bond / Bank Guarantee, B.G. has to be furnished by the shipper / consignee (Bank Guarantee / bond amount should be as follows and should be valid for six months from the date of issue). Approximately SL Rs 150,000.00 per 20' and SL Rs 300,000.00 per 40'
- Normal customs clearance takes 2-3 working days for sea freight and airfreight up to 2 working days, free demurrage period for sea shipments are three days of landing and two days for air freight or demurrage will incur from the first day of landing the shipments including holidays.
- Upon arrival of vessel in Colombo, sea / LCL shipments takes at least two weeks to be de-stuffed by port personnel, after which cargo has to be cleared within the first three days of arrival.
- Prohibited articles detained by customs may be confiscated / destroyed without consignee's consent.
- Permissions for left hand drive vehicles, cars that are over 2 years old, vehicles that are over 5 years old (vans and dual purpose vehicles) must be obtained by client at destination prior to shipping from origin.
- Sri Lankans who have resided overseas for over 365 days continuously (arrival / to & departure / from) are entitled to duty free privileges of USD 1000 per person
 - USD 1000 per person - children above 18 years of age and adults
 - USD 500 per person - children below 18 years of age.
- Expatriates / 1 year residence visa holders are also entitled to the same duty free privileges.
- If a consignee is not entitled to a duty free privileged then cargo will be subject to duty / tax as per the Sri Lanka Customs tariff and similarly, additional charges for mounting / de-mounting, stuffing / de-stuffing, transport and labour charges will have to borne by consignee. The consignee will also have to bear demurrage charges, if incurred. Please inform consignee of above.



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RESTRICTIONS ON ITEMS ALLOWABLE UNDER PASSENGER BAGGAGE ALLOWANCES

- Air condition (all types)
- Refrigerators - two or more doors with over 500 litres capacity
- Dish washers (all types)
- Deep freezer (all types)
- Four burner cookers with oven
- Fully automatic washing machines
- Television - CRT exceeding 29" and LCD exceeding 32"

PROHIBITED ARTICLES

- Swords, daggers, knuckledusters, kettles, knives, satellites and other such weapons with long blades and explosives
- Opium, cannabis, hashish, cocaine, heroin, L.S.D and other dangerous drugs
- Pornographic and seditious material i.e pictures, literature, articles, etc.
- Sri Lankan currency over Rs.250, Indian & Pakistan currencies
- Gold, silver & gems
- Telecommunication equipments
- Plant, fruits and vegetables, live fish and animals
- Firearms, dangerous weapons, and explosives
- Feathers, fur, skin, tusks etc.

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