

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PROHIBITED AND REGULATED ARTICLES

The importation of prohibited articles (i.e., firearms, dangerous drugs, narcotics, pornographic materials), regulated items (i.e., transceivers, DVDs, VCDs, controlled chemicals/ substances/precursors) regardless of quantity constitutes a violation of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and other special laws implemented by the Bureau of Customs, and may subject you to criminal prosecution and/or fines and penalties.

AGRICULTURAL AND WILDLIFE PRODUCTS

The entry of foreign agricultural products such as animals, plants, fishes, wildlife and endangered species and their products and by-products (such as meat, eggs, birds, fruits), etc is restricted. Failure to obtain prior import permit and/or health, sanitary or phytosanitary certificate from the country/airport of origin and to declare the same may result to seizure, fines and/or penalties.

CURRENCY AND MONETARY INSTRUMENTS

Philippine Currency - No person may import or export or bring with him into or out of the country legal tender Philippine notes, coins, checks, money orders and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount exceeding PHP 10,000.00 without authorization by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP Circular No. 98, Series of 1995, amending Section 4 of Circular No. 1389, as amended)

Foreign Currency - Any person bringing in or taking out of the Philippines foreign currency, or other foreign exchange-denominated bearer negotiable monetary instruments in bearer form such as travelers checks, other checks, drafts, notes, money order, bonds, deposits, certificates, securities, commercial papers, trust certifications, deposit substitute instruments, trading orders, transaction ticket and confirmation sale/investment, in excess of US\$ 10,000.00 or its equivalent must accomplish a Currency Declaration Form which may be obtained from and submitted to a Customs Officer assigned at the Customs Desk in the Arrival or Departure Areas. (BSP Circular No. 308, Series of 2001, as amended by BSP Circular No. 507, Series of 2006)

Any violation thereof shall be subject to the sanctions provided for in Section 36 of Republic Act No. 7653 (New Central Bank Act), without prejudice to the application of remedies and sanctions provided for under customs laws and regulations. (BSP Circular No. 308, Series of 2001)

THE AMOUNT OF DUTY AND TAX TO BE PAID shall be assessed by the Customs Officer. Rates of duty imposed depend on the articles imported. Please have all your receipts and/or supporting documents ready for inspection/verification by the Customs Officer. Demand Customs Official Receipts for any payment of duties and/or taxes made.

For more information, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR FEEDBACK on our **FRONTLINE SERVICES**, visit us at www.customs.gov.ph or e-mail us at arrival@customs.gov.ph

Thank You and Mabuhay

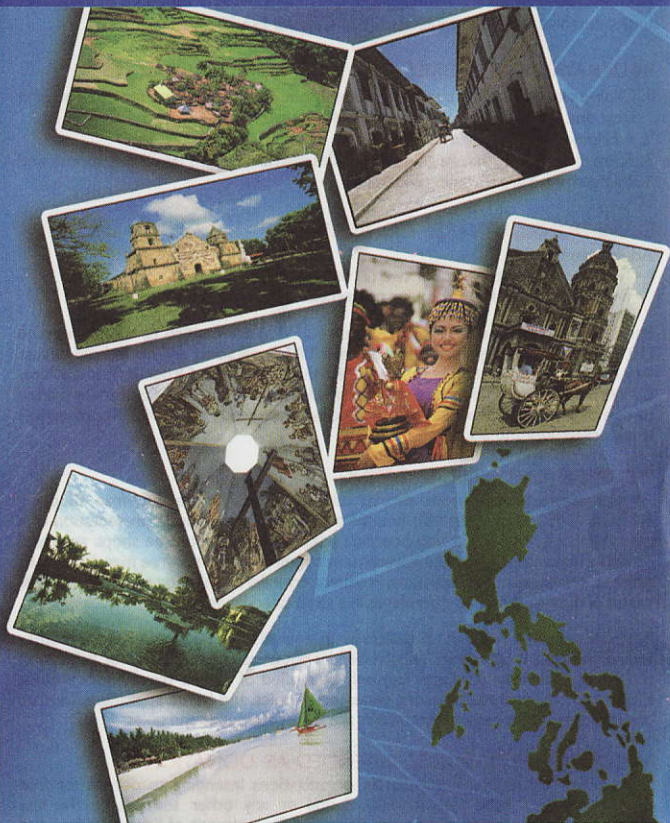
FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE A CUSTOMS OFFICER

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FINDINGS		APPRAISAL		
QTY	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	DUTIABLE VALUE	RATE	
			DUTY	TAX
SUMMARY OF DUTIES & TAXES		TAX COMPUTATION		
CUSTOMS DUTY				
VALUE ADDED TAX				
EXCISE TAX				
DOC STAMPS				
OTHERS				
TOTAL				
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NAME IN PRINT & SIGNATURE	DATE	NAME IN PRINT & SIGNATURE	DATE	



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Davao • [082] 235-0812
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To ensure smooth Customs clearance, please read these guidelines thoroughly.

All persons and baggage are subject to a search at any time.
(Sections 2210 & 2212, Tariff and Customs Code, as amended)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

All articles, when imported from any foreign country into the Philippines, shall be subject to duty and tax upon each importation, even though previously exported from the Philippines, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Customs Code or in other laws. (Section 100, Tariff and Customs Code, as amended)

PROHIBITED AND REGULATED ARTICLES

The unlawful importation of prohibited articles (i.e. marijuana, cocaine or any other narcotics or synthetic drugs); firearms, ammunitions, gun replicas, explosives and parts thereof, obscene, pornographic and immoral articles; mislabeled, misbranded and adulterated articles of food and drugs; gambling outfits and paraphernalia; used clothing and rags - [R.A. 4653]; elephant tusks and their by-products; or those which violate the Intellectual Property Rights Act (i.e., pirated DVDs, VCDs and other imitation products); and regulated items (such as transceivers and communications equipment; controlled chemicals, substances and precursors, regardless of quantity constitutes a violation of Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines, as amended, and other special laws and may subject you to criminal prosecution and/or fines and penalties).

AGRICULTURE AND QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

Agriculture quarantine restricts the entry of animal, fish and plant products or their by-products (such as meat, eggs, birds, fruits, etc.). Transport of endangered species and their by-products is also restricted/prohibited by CITES/DENR regulations. Likewise, export of such products/by-products must be referred to quarantine officers to ensure compliance with Philippine regulations and requirements of country of destination. Failure to obtain prior import and/or export permit from the Philippine Department of Agriculture together with corresponding health sanitary or phytosanitary certificate from country of origin and to declare the same may result to seizure of aforementioned items or imposition of fines and/or penalties.

REGULATED ARTICLES THAT REQUIRE IMPORT PERMIT/CLEARANCES:

Articles that need import/export permits and/or clearances and government agencies that issue them:

Live Animals and Meat	Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)
Fruits and Plants	Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)
Marine and Aquatic Products	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic resources (BFAR)
Medicines and the like	Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD)
Firearms, Parts, Ammunition, etc.	Philippine National Police (PNP) Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO)
VHS, Tapes, CDs, DVDs, etc.	Optical Media Board (OMB)
TV, Movie, Film Print and Negatives, etc.	Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB)
Transceivers, Communication Equipment, etc.	National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
Endangered Species	Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

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accomplishment is submitted to a Customs Officer at the Customs Desk in the Arrival or Departure Areas. (BSP Circular No. 308, Series of 2001, as amended by BSP Circular No. 507, Series of 2006) Any violation thereof shall be subject to the sanctions provided for in Section 36 of Republic Act No. 7653 (New Central Bank Act), without prejudice to the application of remedies and sanctions provided for under customs laws and regulations. (BSP Circular No. 308, Series of 2001)

BALIKBAYAN CATEGORIES

1. Filipino citizen who has been continuously out of the Philippines for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of last departure;
2. A Filipino Overseas Worker (OFW); or
3. Former Filipino with foreign passport and members of his family (i.e. spouse and children) who are travelling with him.

EXEMPTIONS/DUTY-FREE CONCESSIONS

Adult Passengers:

- Two (2) reams of cigarette or two (2) tins of tobacco
- Two (2) bottles of liquor or wine not exceeding one (1) liter per bottle.

Balikbayan and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are entitled to a Ten Thousand (10,000.00) Pesos duty exemption on their USED personal and household effects. Any excess thereof is subject to ad valorem duty (Executive Order 206). In addition, OFWs are entitled to duty and tax-free privileges on their USED appliances limited to one of every kind provided the value does not exceed PHP10,000.00. Any excess is subject to duty and tax.

PHILIPPINE DUTY-FREE SHOPPING

All passengers arriving from abroad can enjoy a one-time duty-free shopping privilege within forty-eight (48) hours from date of arrival, upon presentation of a valid passport, flight ticket and boarding pass. Philippine duty-free shops are retail establishments licensed by the government to sell duty and tax-free merchandise to cater to travellers and balikbayans. Frequent travellers can enjoy up to US\$10,000 worth of duty-free shopping privileges in a given calendar year.

Purchases must be made in US dollars or its equivalent in Philippine Peso and other acceptable foreign currencies. This privilege is not transferable (except for kabuhayan shopping). Balikbayan privileges can only be availed of once a year. Minors are not allowed to buy cigarettes, liquors, wines, electronics, and home appliances. Tourists buying home appliances and electronics are subject to duties and taxes.

ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE INTENDED AS DONATION

Relief, charitable and/or humanitarian organizations intending to donate for free distribution or extend free medical, dental or any other services to the less privileged must coordinate with the Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development, through the Philippine embassy and/or consulate abroad, for purposes of clearance, prior to actual departure. Donations must be covered by a Deed of Donation and Deed of Acceptance, approved by the Department of Finance.

NON-RESIDENT FOREIGNERS

Passengers who intend to bring back to their place of residence abroad any dutiable article must inform the inspecting Customs Officer of said intention. In this case, the passenger may be required to accomplish a re-exportation commitment form duly secured by a cash bond deposit equal to the ascertained duty and tax on the article, refundable upon departure of the passenger with the article, for which a corresponding Official Receipt will be issued.


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YOUR CUSTOMS DECLARATION

All arriving passengers are required to accomplish this Customs Declaration form (BC Form 117) which is given on board the carrying aircraft. If travelling as one family, one declaration is sufficient.

Arriving passengers are required to declare all articles purchased or acquired abroad, indicating the quantity and its total acquisition price. If unsure of what to declare, please consult any Customs Officer on duty.

THE AMOUNT OF DUTY AND TAX TO BE PAID shall be assessed by the Customs Office. Rates of duty imposed depend on the articles imported. Please have all your receipts and/or supporting documents ready for inspection/verification by the Customs Officer. Demand Customs Official Receipts for any payment of duties and/or taxes made.

		Republic of the Philippines Department of Finance BUREAU OF CUSTOMS	
CUSTOMS DECLARATION			
All arriving passengers must provide the following information. If travelling with a family, only one (1) declaration is required to be made by the head or any responsible member thereof. Please fill-up completely and legibly.			
SURNAME / FAMILY NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
SEX	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	BIRTHDAY (MM / DD / YY)	
CITIZENSHIP		OCCUPATION / PROFESSION	
PASSPORT NO.		DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE	
ADDRESS (Philippines)		ADDRESS (Abroad)	
FLIGHT NO.	AIRPORT OF ORIGIN	DATE OF ARRIVAL	
PURPOSE / NATURE OF TRAVEL TO THE PHILIPPINES			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Balikbayan		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Business	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Resident		5. <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas Filipino Worker		6. <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Specify)	
NO. OF ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY:			
NO. OF BAGGAGE:	Checked-in _____ Pcs.	Handcarried: _____ Pcs.	
GENERAL DECLARATION: <i>(Please read important information at the back)</i>			
1. Are you bringing in live animals, plants, fishes and/or their products and by-products? (If yes, please see a Customs Officer before proceeding to the Quarantine Office).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Are you carrying legal tender Philippine notes and coins or checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in excess of PHP10,000.00? If yes, do you have the required Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas authority to carry the same?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Are you carrying foreign currency or other foreign exchange-denominated bearer negotiable monetary instruments (including travelers checks in excess of US\$10,000.00 or its equivalent? (If yes ask for and accomplish Foreign Currency Declaration Form at the Customs Desk at Arrival and Departure areas.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Are you bringing in prohibited items (firearms ammunitions and part thereof, drugs, controlled chemicals) or regulated items (VCDs, DVDs, communication devices, transceivers)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Are you bringing in <input type="checkbox"/> jewelry, <input type="checkbox"/> electronic goods, and <input type="checkbox"/> commercial merchandise and/or samples purchased or acquired abroad?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
ALL PERSONS AND BAGGAGE ARE SUBJECT TO SEARCH AT ANY TIME. (Section 2210 and 2212 Tariff & Customs Code of the Philippines as amended)			
I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THIS DECLARATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT		DATE OF LAST DEPARTURE FROM THE PHILIPPINES	
SIGNATURE OF PASSENGER			
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PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE OF CUSTOMS OFFICER		CODE NO.	LANE NO.
			DATE
BC Form No. 117 (Rev. 25 Aug. 05)			