



CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR TRAVELERS



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The latest regulations shall prevail
if there is any amendment.

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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 International Trade Administration (ITA) for **an import or export permit**, and make an Import/Export Cargo Declaration to Customs. For applying for import/export permits, please contact the ITA 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. PROTECTING ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. CITES species and products thereof must be declared to Customs along with CITES certificates or permits on each departure and arrival.



The following exemptions are applied **for personal or household effects**:

- Caviar of sturgeon species (*Acipenseriformes* spp.) \leq 125 grams.
- Rainsticks of *Cactaceae* spp. \leq 3 pieces.
- Specimens of crocodylian species \leq 4 pieces.
- Queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) shells \leq 3 pieces.
- Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.) \leq 4 pieces.
- Giant clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells which is less than 3 pieces and no more than 3 kgs.
- Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp. and *Gyrinops* spp.) derived products:
 - wood chips \leq 1 kg,
 - Oil \leq 24ml,
 - Beads \leq 2 pieces, or
 - Rosary beads, necklaces, bracelets and no more than 0.3 kg.
- *Bletilla* spp., *Gastrodia elata*, *Dendrobium* spp. (not including *Dendrobium cruentum*), *Cibotium barometz*, *Nardostachys grandiflora*, *Picrorhiza kurrooa*, *Cistanche deserticola*, *Panax ginseng*, *Panax quinquefolius*, and *Aloe* spp.: 1 kg in total.

2. Importation or exportation of **live wildlife** or **protected wildlife products** are also regulated by the domestic act "Wildlife Conservation Act". Those must be declared along with a permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture (for land species) (Tel:+886-3-398-2663) or the Ocean Conservation Administration (for marine species) (Tel:+886-7-338-2057).

IV. MONEY LAUNDERING CONTROLLED ITEMS

Any individual **regardless of age** carrying the following **6 items exceeding its limit must declare to Customs** at each arrival and departure. Failure to declare or a false declaration may lead to confiscation or a fine equivalent to the value of the items.

1. **New Taiwan Dollars > NTD 100,000**

Please be aware that the excess amount is NOT ALLOWED to be carried into or out of Taiwan.

2. **Chinese Yuan (Renminbi) > CNY 20,000**

Please be aware that the excess amount is NOT ALLOWED to be carried into or out of Taiwan.

3. **Foreign Currencies (incl. HKD 、 MOP) > Total face value of USD 10,000 (or its equivalent)**

There is no limitation on the amount carried into or out of Taiwan after completion of declaration.

4. **Negotiable Securities > Total face value of USD 10,000 (or its equivalent)**

- Negotiable securities herein refer to bearer traveler's checks, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other forms of securities.
- There is no limitation on the amount carried into or out of Taiwan after completion of declaration.

5. **Gold > Total value of USD 20,000 (or its equivalent)**

In addition, a permit from the International Trade Administration (ITA) (Tel: +886-2-2351-0271) is required for carrying the excess amount into or out of Taiwan. (See part II)

6. **Diamonds, Precious stones and/or Platinum (not intended for personal use) > Total value of NTD 500,000 (or its equivalent)**

Whenever the total value of items exceeds USD 20,000 (or its equivalent), a permit from the ITA (Tel: +886-2-2351-0271) is required. (See part II)

ARRIVAL

I. PROHIBIT ARTICLES (see "MUST KNOW")

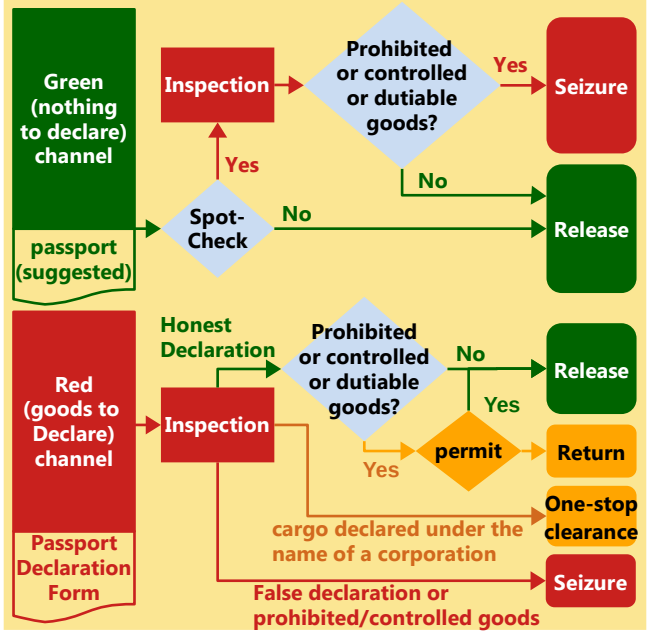
II. Items to be declared:

1. **Tobacco products or alcoholic beverages** in excess of exemptions. (See part III)
2. Articles **in excess of duty exemptions**. (See part IV)
3. **Species listed in CITES or subject to the Wildlife Conservation Act**. (See "MUST KNOW" part III)
4. **Money laundering controlled items** exceeding the limits. (See "MUST KNOW" part IV)
5. **Fresh fruits, seeds, live plants or fresh products thereof, or live animals or products thereof**. (See part V)
6. **Agricultural or food products, medicine, medical devices, veterinary drugs, environment pesticides or cosmetics** for personal use in excess of allowed quantities. (See part VI~IX)
7. **Controlled or restricted articles**. (See part X~XI)
8. **Unaccompanied baggage**. (See part XII)
9. Other matters non-compliant with exemptions or requiring customs declaration or where inspection before clearance is required by law.

Notifications:

- Passengers carrying articles listed in **part I or II shall declare to Customs** via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** upon arrival. While passengers having nothing to declare may proceed to the **Green (Nothing to Declare) channel**.
- Failure to declare or a false declaration may lead to confiscation of the items, fines, or both confiscation and fines.
- **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 NOT in your possession. The one who holds items in violation of regulations during customs clearance shall bear liability.

• Clearance Procedures for Inbound Passengers:



III. Tobacco Products and Alcohols (Age-restricted)

1. Passengers carrying such products, including those shopped in duty-free shops, **exceeding exemptions** shall declare to customs and pay taxes for the excess portion. Furthermore, there are restrictions on passenger age, product types and total amount carried. (See Table A)

Table A	Age	Exemptions	Upper Limits
Alcoholic Beverages (>0.5alc./vol)	18+	1.5 liters in total	5 liters in total (※ 1 liter in total from Mainland China)
Tobacco Products (cigarettes, cigars and smoking tobacco)	20+	200 cigarettes, or 25 cigars, or 1lb of smoking tobacco.	1,000 cigarettes, or 125 cigars, or 5 lbs of smoking tobacco

2. Failure to declare or a false declaration will result in confiscation of what exceeding the exemptions and a fine. (See table B)

Table B	Type	Fines
Alcoholic beverages	$\leq 10\%$ 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		NTD 1,000 / 200 cigarettes
Smoking Tobacco		NTD 3,000 / pound

IV. Duty Exemptions of Baggage

- Used personal articles:** unit price of which is less than **NTD 10,000**.
- Other personal or household articles:** total value of which is not exceeding **NTD 35,000**.
Except for the following:
 - Controlled goods , (See part X)
 - Tobacco products, or alcohols,(See part III)
 - Articles for business or commercial purpose, and
 - Articles carried by the passenger who frequently travels in and out of the country and has prior customs violation record.

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 or glutinous rice, roasted or prepared peanut, prepared garlic, dried day-lily flower, dried mushrooms and tea:** 1 kg each.

3. **Products from China:**

- (1) Dried scallops, dried abalone, edible bird's nest and dried shark's fin: 1.2 kgs each.
- (2) Canned products from China: 6 cans each, 6kgs in total.

VII. Medicines for personal use

1. Western Medicine

- (1) **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).
- (2) **Prescription medicine** : up to a 2 months' supply if no prescription is presented, and up to a 6 months' supply if with prescription.
- (3) **Controlled drugs** : up to a 6 months' supply if prescription is presented.
- (4) **Injections** : A prescription shall be presented.

2. Chinese Medicine

- (1) **Ingredients** : up to 1 kg of each type, and up to a maximum of 12 types.
 - (2) **Preparations** : up to 12 bottles (boxes) of each type, and up to a maximum of 36 bottles (boxes).
 - (3) **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 Ministry of Agriculture is required.
3. The above-mentioned unit, such as bottles, boxes, cans, bars, sticks, packets, bags, etc. is limited to their "**original packaging**".

VIII. Medical devices or equipment

Permit issued by the TFDA is required for customs clearance Medicine or food preparations, or medical devices or equipment, such as COVID-19 rapid test kits, anoxia-photometer, etc., **except the following products within its allowance:**

- (1) Band-aid : 60 pieces
- (2) Liquid bandage : 4 strips (cans, bottles, sticks)
- (3) Cotton swab : 200 strips
- (4) Condom : 60 pieces
- (5) Tampon : 120 pieces
- (6) Daily disposable contact lens : 60 pieces of the same diopters, and limited to the same brand and up to 2 diopters
- (7) Correcting lens : 1 pair of lense
- (8) Medical mask : 250 pieces

IX. Cosmetics

A prior approval from the TFDA is required for carrying the **Glass Ampoule Cosmetics** (Tel: +886-2-2787-8000) :

X. Controlled Items

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

1. The following items that exceeding allowed quantities:
 - (1) Products from China prohibited from import.
 - (2) Medicines or veterinary drugs . (See part VII).
2. Permit-required articles that exceeding allowed quantities or prohibited articles subject to other regulations. For instance:
 - (1) Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages (See part III),
 - (2) Medical devices (See part VIII),
 - (3) Prohibited or counterfeit drugs,
 - (4) Prohibited or counterfeit veterinary drugs,
 - (5) Prohibited or counterfeit agro-pesticides,
 - (6) Plants or products thereof and animals or products thereof prohibited from import (See "Must Know" and "Arrival" part V~VI),
 - (7) Police weapons or Controlled articles refer to in the "Smuggling Penalty Act".
 - (8) Products from China prohibited from import.
 - (9) Articles with import or export restrictions.

XI. Other Approval-required Items

1. Designated items for personal use exceeding the following allowance requires a commodity inspection by the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI):
 - (1) **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.
 - (2) **Toys**: same specification or type not exceeding total value of USD1,000 and 5 pieces, or 1 piece of the total value exceeding USD1,000.
2. **Wireless or bluetooth devices** more than **5** pieces in total requires a prior approval from the National Communications Commission (NCC).

XII. Unaccompanied Baggage

1. Passengers having unaccompanied baggage must declare to Customs via the **Red (Goods to Declare/Customs Service) Channel** upon arrival.
2. Unaccompanied baggage shall be imported within 6 months from the entry date of the passenger. When the means of transportation carrying the unaccompanied baggage arrives in Taiwan, passenger or his/her proxy shall perform customs clearance within 15 days from the arrival date of the means.

XIII. Contact Information

- ✦ Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) :
 - Terminal 1: +886-3-398-2307,
+886-800-311-006
 - Terminal 2: +886-3-398-3386,
+886-800-016-081
- ✦ Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA) :
+886-2-2546-4698

DEPARTURE

I. PROHIBIT ARTICLES (See "MUST KNOW")

Besides, antiquities pursuant to the "Cultural Heritage Preservation Act" are not allowed to be carried out of Taiwan.

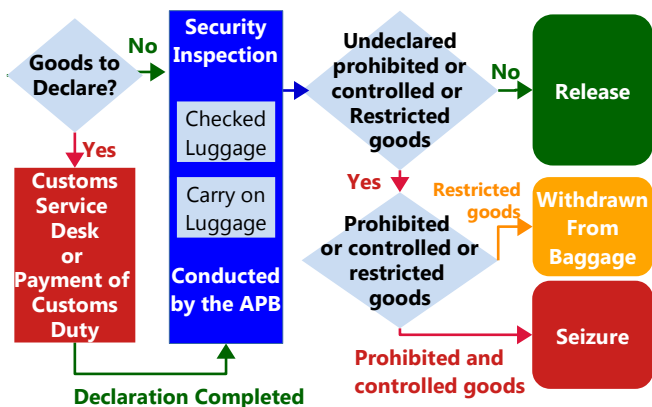
II. Items shall be declared (prior to checking luggage)

- 1. Species listed in CITES or subject to the Wildlife Conservation Act.** (See "MUST KNOW III")
- 2. Money laundering controlled items exceeding the limits.** (See "MUST KNOW IV")
3. Goods with **CARNET**.
4. Dutiable articles to be re-imported. (Articles will be exempted from duties when being re-imported if the declaration is made.)
- 5. The export permit** issued by the International Trade Administration 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.
- 6. Exhibition articles.**
- 7. Samples from a bonded factory.**

Notifications:

An export cargo declaration of above-mentioned item 5~7 must be made with export declaration during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-3:30pm, holidays excluded). For passengers can't make a declaration in opening hours above, please apply to Clearance Division I or TSA Clearance Section in advance (See Goods Declaration Service in part V).

III. Clearance Procedures for Outbound Passengers



IV. Other Related Regulations for Departure

Restrictions are conducted on items packed in carry-on and checked baggage for aviation security issue, such as:

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, reactive chemicals) or other suspicious articles hazardous to flight safety might not be carried onto the AIRCRAFT.

For other information about aviation security inspection, please refer to the website of Aviation Police Bureau (Tel: +886-3-398-2433).

V. Contact Information

1. Goods Declaration Service

- ✦ Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) :
 - Terminal 1 (T1) : +886-3-398-2298
 - Terminal 2 (T2) : +886-3-398-3391

- ✦ Clearance Division I :
+886-3-383-4161 ext.2170、2185

- ✦ TSA Clearance Section : +886-2-2546-0799

2. Customs Service Line

- ✦ TPE T1 : +886-3-398-2308
- ✦ TPE T2 : +886-3-398-3428
- ✦ TSA : +886-2-2546-4698