

Notice regarding the Baggage Rules

(Unofficial Translation)

In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (3) of section 9 of the Customs Act 2064 (2007), Government of Nepal has issued this notice on the 'Baggage Rules' regarding the customs duty applicable on the personal goods , accompanied or unaccompanied. This notice is brought into force from 1st of Shrawan, 2073 (16th July 2016).

Chapter 1

For Nepalese passenger

1 Nepalese passenger returned from foreign country:

- (1) Full exemption of customs duty shall be granted on all or any personal goods mentioned below taken by the permanent resident of Nepal returning from the foreign country.
 - (a) Used clothes, beds and articles for household use;
 - (b) Medicine imported by the patients returning after the medical treatment;
 - (c) Accessories used by the physically weak person;
 - (d) Gold ornaments up to fifty gram, silver ornaments up to five hundred gram and ornaments mounted with precious stone worth up to Rs. one hundred thousand;
 - (e) One pieces each of tablets or laptop or computer, watch, still camera, video camera, cellular mobile phone and pen drive;
 - (f) One pieces each of children's perambulator and tri-cycle;
 - (g) One piece each of professional goods used by the professional passenger (for example for medical doctor stethoscope and

instruments for testing blood pressure; sports item like football, volleyball, badminton set for players; ordinary musical instruments like guitar, harmonium, tambourine etc for musician);

- (h) Up to 7 kilograms of foodstuff;
 - (i) One bottle of liquor up to 1 liter
- (2) If the passenger imported goods in excess of the quantity specified in sub section (1), except mentioned in clause (d) and (i) of the subsection, the chief of the customs office may allow to clear such goods in consideration of the passenger's condition, number of family members, country of residence, and the period of stay. If any passenger, who spent for less than six month in foreign country, coming back accompanied with gold and gold-ornament up to 400 gram shall be granted the facility stated in subsection (1) of this section and the rest of the quantity is subject to charge the chargeable duty and additional 50 % of such chargeable duty.
- (3) Permanent resident Nepali citizen can import all or any personal effects mentioned below by paying customs duty at the flat rate as incorporated in the prevailing Finance Act. In case of goods dispatched before or after leaving the country of residence, such goods should be deposited in the customs go-down within three months of the date of the arrival of such passenger in Nepal.
- (a) One set each of television, music system, refrigerator, washing machine, fan, radio.
 - (b) Up to 15 items of clothes, shoes, cosmetics etc;
 - (c) Two sets of each ordinary domestic utilities (such as mixture, juicer, sewing machine, gas table, iron, rice cooker etc);
 - (d) Up to 10 kilograms of food stuff;
 - (e) Two items of each instruments to enhance the skill of professional passengers (like doctor, engineer);

- (f) Except the goods mentioned in clause (a) to (e), up to two piece of each other household goods for entirely domestic use.

Nevertheless, if the passenger imported household goods in excess of the specified quantity or value of goods under this subsection, the chief of the customs office may allow to clear such goods at his discretion charging customs duty at the flat rate in consideration of the passenger's condition, number of family members, country of residence, and the period of stay.

- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions made in subsection (3); if passenger who returned after staying in the foreign country for more than six months, dispatched goods specified in subsection (3), accompanied or unaccompanied, customs duty on such goods shall be exempted up to the value mentioned below. Such goods may be released keeping book of records and need not submit customs declaration form. If the value of goods is more than the value exempted, the flat rate of customs duty is charged on the excess the value of goods as incorporated in the prevailing Finance Act:

- (a) Up to Rs. 15,000/ for the passenger staying in the foreign country for more than six months to one year;
- (b) Up to Rs. 25,000/ for the passenger staying in the foreign country for more than one year.

- (5) Passenger below the age of sixteen shall be entitled to only 50 percent of the exemption limits as mentioned in subsection (4).

- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions made in this section, following rules will be applied on the provisions mentioned below:

- (a) Nepali passenger living in foreign country, who dispatched his / her used clothes through foreign post office, will be entitled to customs exemption on such clothes;
- (b) If a person living in foreign country dispatched any of the goods mentioned in subsection (3) worth up to US \$ 350 to the relative or

the members of the family, such goods shall be cleared charging customs duty at the flat rate;

- (c) Nepali citizens returning from the foreign country after staying six months or more are allowed to carry with them up to five hundred grams of gold and gold-ornaments and up to one kilogram of silver and silver-ornaments by charging prevailing customs duty. Out of the quantities, 50 grams of gold and gold-ornaments and 500 grams of silver and silver-ornaments as specified in clause (d) of subsection (1) of section 1 shall be deducted and the duty shall be levied on the rest of the quantities.
- (d) Cigarette (up to 200 sticks) or cigar (up to 50 sticks) will be allowed to import by charging prevailing duty. If such cigarette or cigar are imported in excess of the specified quantity, such items may be cleared by charging prevailing customs duty and additional hundred percent customs duty on the excess quantity of such items.
- (e) Full duty exemption is granted once on the import of personal use household articles up to the value of Rs 50,000 (except vehicle, arms and armaments and other banned items) to the Nepali citizen retired with pension from the Indian Army or Police. Such exemption is granted upon the presentation of retirement certificate.
- (f) Any Nepali citizen who is proved to be dead in the foreign country, such a dead person's and his family's personal effects (except the vehicle) shall be exempted.
- (g) If the items specified in the list of goods allowed to import as per Nepal Gazette notification of the Ministry of Commerce but are not included in this notification, such goods are cleared by charging prevailing duty. But in case of such goods, exemption in the value as per subsection (4) of section (1) will not be granted.

- (h) Goods imported by the passenger shall not be deposited or transferred for clearance in the name other than the passenger.

2 Members of the Crew:

Flying crew members are not allowed to import any items except the personal use items. If any item is imported, such item/s will be seized.

3 Nepali passenger traveling to the foreign country:

(1) Passenger traveling foreign country can carry with him /her any or all items mentioned in subsection (1) of section 1. Customs duty will be exempted on such items.

(2) Nepali citizen traveling to foreign country can carry souvenirs produced in Nepal (except the banned or controlled items) up to the aggregate value of Rs. 50000/. Customs duty shall be exempted on such goods.

Nevertheless, in case of presentation of tax invoice of the items commanding value added tax, and receipt with PAN number in case of items not commanding value added tax, the aggregate value limitation under this subsection will not be applicable.

(3) If the passenger would like to carry goods purchased in Nepali market up to the weight allowed by the airlines, such passenger is allowed to carry goods (except the banned or controlled items) after the payment of specified duty and fee and the submission of the specified papers. Advance payment receipt or letter of credit is not necessary in such export.

4. Cross border traveler:

(1) Facilities under this notification shall not be granted to the cross border traveler.

However, the customs officer may grant duty free import or export up to the aggregate value of Rs 100/ on the household items for personal use.

- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), any one piece of tablet or laptop or computer shall be exempted from the duty chargeable if accompanied by the Nepalese student studying in India.

5. Non resident Nepalese passenger:

Provisions mentioned in subsection (1), (2) and (3) of section 1, and section 3 are applicable for nonresident Nepalese (NRN) passenger, provided he/she should present the evidence of being NRN.

Chapter 2

For foreign Passenger

6 Foreign passenger traveling by international flight:

- (1) Foreign passenger traveling by international flight is exempted from the duty on the following personal used articles imported or exported on the condition that such articles shall be returned or carry back.
 - (a) One binocular.
 - (b) One tablet or laptop computer, one video camera, one still camera.
 - (c) One set of portable music system.
 - (d) Clothes, beds and used household articles.
 - (e) One perambulator, one tri-cycle.
 - (f) One bicycle.
 - (g) One watch.
 - (h) One cellular mobile phone set.
 - (i) Following professional equipments which are being used by the professional person:
 - (1) One set of equipment to be used by the professional.
 - (2) Equipments, instruments and medicine imported by medical doctor or Baidhya carrying out his job and materials, to be used by the professionals concerned.
 - (3) Musical instruments and accessories of such instruments for the professional singer.
 - (4) Sport materials for professional sportsperson.
 - (5) Fishing rod.
 - (j) Foreign passenger can carry gold ornaments up to 50 grams and silver ornaments up to 100 grams.

- (2) The chief of the customs office may allow, if it is justifiable, to bring or take away the other articles in addition to the articles mentioned in subsection (1), imported or exported by the foreign passenger by charging the prevailing duty or without charging the duty, except banned, controlled or commercially imported goods.
- (3) Customs duty is waived on the following articles carried by the passport holder foreign passenger:
 - (a) One bottle of liquor Up to 1 litre or 12 cans of beer.
 - (b) Cigarette up to 200 sticks cigar up to 50 sticks, tobacco up to 250 grams.
 - (c) 15 pieces of film for still camera and 12 pieces of film for movie camera.
 - (d) Medicine up to the value of Rs. 1000/ (except the medicine banned to import into Nepal);
 - (e) Food stuff up to the value of Rs 5000/ (including tin pack food);
 - (f) Fresh fruits up to the value of Rs. 2000/
- (4) Foreign passenger may carry or dispatch souvenir goods (except the goods banned for export) purchased in the Nepali market worth Rupees equivalent to the amount exchanged in the specified authorized foreign exchange dealer or bank without export license.
- (5) In addition to the goods allowed to export under subsection (4), foreign passenger may carry or dispatch the goods (except the goods banned for export) purchased in Nepali market equivalent to Rs 50, 000/

Nevertheless, in case of presentation of tax invoice of the items commanding value added tax, and receipt with PAN number in case of items not commanding value added tax, the aggregate value limitation under this subsection will not be applicable.

7 Goods to be seized:

If any passenger attempt to carry or dispatch without making the declaration to the customs or by hiding or concealing or attempt to carry or dispatch the goods contrary to this notification, such goods shall be seized and action shall be taken as per prevailing laws.

8 If any confusion occurs relating to the provisions mentioned in this notification, decision of the Director General of the Department of Customs shall be final.

9. Repealed:

The notification issued by Ministry of Finance published in Nepal Gazette part 5, section 64, Additional publication 9, dated 2071 Saun 1 (17th July 2014) has been repealed.