

INFORMATION ON THAI CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR PASSENGERS

1. Customs clearance for passengers

Passengers arriving into the Kingdom of Thailand have to fill in the "Passenger Declaration Form" (Form No. 211) and submit it to the Customs officer while bringing their luggage or belongings through the red or green channel. In case there are no dutiable, prohibited or restricted goods, please mark (mark nothing to declare) on the Passenger Declaration Form and submit it to the Customs Officer at the green channel. In case there are dutiable, prohibited or restricted goods or the passenger is unsure whether or not goods are subject to any of the three aforesaid categories, the passenger should mark (mark goods to declare) on the Passenger Declaration Form and submit it to the Customs officer at the red channel.

1.1 Duties for goods brought into Thailand will be assessed according to Customs Acts, Customs Tariff Decree, and other associated laws.

The following are subject to duty charges:

- o goods which are brought into the country in a limited quantity as personal effects and are not for a commercial purpose.
- o goods not exceeding 80,000 baht in value.
- o Duties shall be paid in cash on the date of arrival.

In case of goods do not comply with the above conditions, they will be sent to Goods Accompanying Passenger Section of the Import Formalities Sub-Division at Customs Warehouse 1, Import Customs Warehouse Building, Bangkok Airport Customs Bureau or any local respective customs checkpoint to follow Customs procedures. The passenger will receive a delivery order form (Form No. 466) as evidence.

1.2 Personal effects which accompany passengers in an amount not exceeding their needs for personal or professional use and with the total value of all goods taken together not exceeding 10,000 baht, will be exempted from Customs duties. Personal effects such as clothing, cosmetics, jewelry, shoes, glasses, perfumes, etc., purchased abroad must have a receipt as evidence of the value; if not, the Customs officer will consider other available evidence.

The following accompanying goods can be brought into Thailand in amounts not exceeding that which is here stated:

- o cigarettes, or 250 grams of cigars and tobacco.
- o liter of alcoholic liquor.

1.3 A certain amount of used household effects accompanying a passenger because of residential movement will be exempted from Customs duties.

- o Used household effects such as television, radio, video, etc., will be exempted from Customs duties; however, passengers are required to declare these types of items to the Customs officer at the red channel by submitting a passenger declaration form (Form No. 211).

2. Customs formality: Outbound Passengers

2.1 Camera, video camera, and portable computer are items passengers must declare to the Customs officer who will record the details of those items on a Customs form. The passenger will receive a copy of this form to show the Customs officer at the red channel upon re-entry to Thailand.

2.2 Jewelry or ornaments are required to pass Customs formalities at the Outbound Section, Passenger Control Division, Bangkok International Airport Customs Bureau (3rd floor, International Terminal 1) or other place specified by Customs Regional Bureau.

2.3 Goods under the compensation 19 Bis Drawback, or re-entry schemes are required to pass Customs formalities at the Customs Formality Section, Bangkok International Airport Customs Bureau or other place specified by Customs Regional Bureau.

3. Customs formality: specific cases

3.1 Prohibited goods, restricted goods

Prohibited goods are goods for which either the import into or export out of the Kingdom is prohibited, e.g., drugs, pornographic materials, protected wild animals or related products, etc. Violators of laws related to drugs, e.g., having and holding, holding for use, or being a producer, seller, or transporter are subject to the death sentence. Restricted goods are goods the import and export of which is restricted by law and therefore require a permit from the related government agencies.

The following items require a permit from the stated government agency in order to pass Customs formalities:

Firearms, ammunitions, explosive objects	Office of National Police
Buddha images, artifacts and antiques	Fine Arts Department
Radio trans-receivers and telecommunications equipment	Post & Telegraph Department
Plants and planting materials	Department of Agriculture
Live animals and animal products	Department of Live Stock Development
Medicines and chemical products	Office of Food and Drugs Administration

3.2 Currency

There is no limit on the amount of Thai currency which can be brought into Thailand, but only 50,000 baht may be taken out without obtaining a permit. When carrying Thai currency to neighboring countries, e.g., Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, and Vietnam, up to 500,000 baht, may be taken out without obtaining a permit.

Carrying out an amount of Thai currency which exceeds the above stated limit requires a permit from an authorized bank. The original permit (Thor-Tor. 5) must be shown to the Customs officer while passing through the outbound passenger channel.

There is no restriction on both bringing in and carrying out foreign currency.

3.3 Goods deposited under Customs control (Customs custody)

Passenger with dutiable items and restricted articles which are not intended for use in Thailand must inform Customs and present the ticket to the third country. Those items should be placed in Customs custody not more than 2 months. They can be reclaimed on the departure date while checking in by informing the airline staff and paying the related fees.

3.4 A.T.A. Carnet

Passengers bringing in goods under the auspices of the A.T.A. Carnet agreement which are to be used for exhibition, science or as sample or as sample goods and re-exports are required to inform the Customs officer at the red channel for Customs clearance at the Passenger Control Division, Bangkok International Airport Customs Bureau. (Terminal 1, 1st floor) or other place designated by Regional Customs Bureau for that area.

On the departure date passengers must present the A.T.A. Carnet document and goods for inspection by Customs officer; otherwise the goods will be considered as not having been re-exported and Customs duties and taxes will be levied.

3.5 VAT Refund

Passengers who want to apply for VAT refund must submit the completed form for VAT refund application for tourist (P.P. 10). This form can be obtained by showing purchased goods to the Customs officer at Customs Inspection for VAT Refund point in the Departure hall.

Customs formalities can be performed at the Passenger Control Division, Bangkok International Airport Customs Bureau which is open 24 hours.

For further information on any Customs matter please contact Customs officers at any post or call (66 2) 535-1269, (66 2) 535-1153 and (66 2) 535-5044.

Warning : Failure to declare dutiable, restricted or prohibited items will lead to a fine amounting to four times the value of the goods plus duties and taxes and/or imprisonment for not more than 10 years. Such undeclared articles will be confiscated.