

Some useful guidelines for CoP18 participants on Importation and exportation of material

Baggage Regulations

1. Items allowed on free of duty

- a. Personal Effects

Tourists

- b. Two regular size bottles of wine and one and half a litre of spirits.
- c. Bottled water not exceeding a quarter litre of and a small quantity of perfume.
- d. Travel souvenirs not exceeding the value equivalent to USD 250, if they are not intended for commercial use.

2. Prohibited Items

Narcotics, psychotropic substances and hazardous chemical substances

Cigarettes

Weapons

Pornography

3. Restricted Items (Attachment 01)

- a. Drone Cameras - Subjected to approval of Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (TRC) and Defence Ministry (Contact +94112430860/69 email- webinfo@defence.lk). **(To obtain online approval prior to import into Sri Lanka, please contact TRC (www.trc.gov.lk) in this regard.**
- a. In order to use/fly drone cameras inside Sri Lanka, prior approval should be obtained from Chief of Defence staff (Contact +94112674503 email-ocds@army.lk) and Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (Contact +94112358800 email-info@caa.lk), keeping the relevant Police Stations informed.
- a. Transmission Apparatus such as walkie-talkies are subjected to Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (TRC) and Ministry of Defence approval.
- a. Goods in commercial quantities are subjected to pay Customs Duty and other levies applicable.



Currency Regulations

Arriving Passengers

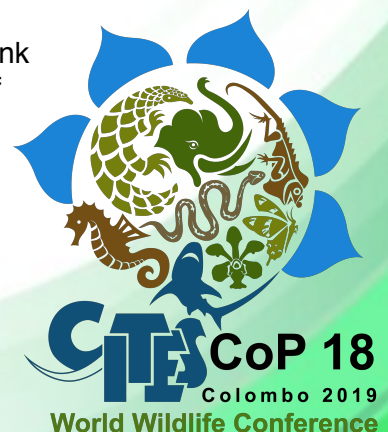
- a. Any person arriving in Sri Lanka may carry any amount of foreign exchange in the form of currency notes, bank drafts, cheques, travel cards, etc. legitimately acquired by such person subject to a declaration made to the Customs Department, if the total value of such foreign exchange exceeds USD 15,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies.
- b. However, where a person arriving in Sri Lanka intends to take back foreign currency notes exceeding USD 10,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies such person is required to make a declaration to the Customs Department.
- c. Any resident in Sri Lanka may bring into Sri Lanka Currency up to the value of Sri Lanka Rupees 20,000/=.

Departing Passengers

- a. Any person departing from Sri Lanka may carry any amount of foreign exchange in the form of currency notes, bank drafts, cheques, travel cards, etc. legitimately acquired by such person subject to a declaration made to the Customs Department, if the total value of such foreign exchange exceeds USD 15,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies.
- b. However, where a person arriving in Sri Lanka intends to take back foreign currency notes exceeding USD 10,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies such person is required to make a declaration to the Customs Department.
- c. Any person in Sri Lanka may take out Sri Lanka Currency up to the value of Sri Lanka Rupees 20,000/=.

Regulations for the clearance of

- a. Any equipment brought into Sri Lanka is subjected to charging duty and other levies. They can be cleared on payment of duty and other levies or on a special cash deposit or on a Bank Guarantee.
- b. Carnet de Passage (ATA Carnet) can be used for temporary importation of equipment without any payment or deposit or a Bank Guarantee. It is required to submit two sets of copies of the list of equipment brought using Carnet system.



Specimens Fauna & Flora (for CITES Exhibition)

Specimens (Fauna) -A list of specimens shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife Conservation through the CITES Secretariat for prior Approval. If any material of wild life is bringing in to Sri Lanka that is not mentioned in the said list, a permit from the Department of Wild Life Conservation of Sri Lanka is needed for the verification at the Borders along with the Animal Quarantine Procedures being fulfilled.

The same list shall be produced to Customs at the departure terminal when returning. If a wildlife material that is not in the list is being taken out the country, a permit from the Department of Wildlife shall be obtained.

Specimens (Flora) - If the specimen is a plant or plant material, Plant Quarantine procedures shall be followed including submission of the Phytosanitary Certificate along with the specimen list that is sent, when those items are bringing in to Sri Lanka.

In case where a plant or plant material which is not in the list is being taken out of Sri Lanka, a permit from Forest Department/ Department of Wildlife of Sri Lanka shall be obtained.

