

GEN 1.3 ENTRY TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF PASSENGERS AND CREW

1. Customs Requirements

1.1. Customs in Nepal is operated under the final channel system - the Red and Green channel, for the expeditious clearance of air travelers. All arriving passengers shall present themselves personally with their baggage and make declarations to customs at the Red channel if they have any prohibited, controlled or dutiable/taxable goods to declare. If they do not have any such goods, exceeding their duty/tax -free concession, they can pass through the green channel. However, passengers going through the green channel may be checked on a selective basis. All crew members are required to produce their baggage at the Red channel only. Baggage may be examined in such manner as deemed necessary and it shall be the duty of the person in charge of the baggage to produce, open, unpack and repack such baggage.

1.2. No Customs duty shall be levied on the following articles brought by foreign passengers arriving or departing with a passport:-

- One bottle of alcohol of up to 1 liter or up to 12 cans of beer,
- Up to 200 sticks of cigarettes, 25 sticks of cigars, 250 grams of tobacco,
- Medicine with value of up to Rs. 10,000 (except those medicines prohibited to be imported by prevailing law),
- Food item with value of up to Rs. 5000 (including tin pack food),
- Fresh fruits with value of up to Rs. 2000.

1.3. Duty exemption shall be granted to any or all of the following old goods of personal use brought or taken together (accompanied) or brought or sent either prior to or post the arrival (unaccompanied) of a foreign passenger arriving or departing by an international flight:

- One unit of binocular,
- One unit each of tablet or laptop, video camera and camera,
- One unit of portable music system.
- Apparels, beds and beddings, old household items,
- One unit each of perambulator and tri-cycle,
- One unit of cycle,
- One unit of watch,
- One unit of cellular mobile phone,
- Ornaments of gold of up to 50 grams and ornaments of silver of up to 100 grams.
- Following equipment brought by professionals:-
 - Up to one unit of tools brought by a professional to continue his/her work.
 - General tools, equipment and medicines brought by a doctor or a 'baidhya' to carry out work in line with his/her profession, as well as the required equipment of concerned specialist.
 - Musical instruments and other required tools brought by a singer or a musician.
 - Sports' equipment brought by sportsperson.
 - Fishing rod.

1.4. No custom formalities are normally required for departing passengers unless it is required to do so. However, restrictions on the carriage of foreign cash currency in and out of the country remain in force. Visitors can export souvenirs to their respective countries. However, the export of antiques and precious or semi precious stones requires a clearance and certificate from the Department of Archaeology, Ram Shah Path Tel: 977-1-4215358 . Gold, Silver, Precious stones, wild animals and their skins, horns etc., all drugs whether processed or in their natural state are prohibited to export.

2. Immigration Requirements

2.1. Visa are not required for passengers those who are arriving and departing on the same flight or transferring to another flight at the same airport. Foreigners can apply for a transit visa if the connecting flight is scheduled for the next day.

2.2. Foreigners entering Nepal must have a valid passport and visa. Visa can be obtained beforehand from the Nepali diplomatic missions abroad or foreigners can get the on arrival 15/30/90 day's tourist entry visa with multiple re-entry facility at the immigration office TIA and the immigration offices at the land border also. NRN card holders can get free entry visa of 15/30/90 days from the Nepali diplomatic missions abroad and immigration office at the entry point.

2.3. Indian nationals are exempted of visa to enter Nepal but should have a valid passport or voter ID card, Emergency Certificate or Identity Certificate issued by the Embassy of India, Kathmandu. Indian nationals from the age group of above 65 years and below 15 years are also allowed to enter Nepal from airport with a PAN card, Driving license, CGHS card, Ration card etc.

2.4. Foreigners from Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Nigeria, Ghana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Liberia, Somalia, Syria and refugees holding foreign travel document are prohibited of visa on arrival at the entry points.

2.5. For flight crew members on scheduled services who keep possession of their license when embarking and disembarking, remain at the airport where the aircraft has stopped or within the confines of the cities adjacent thereto and depart on the same aircraft or on their next regularly scheduled flight out of Nepal, the crew member license or certificate is accepted in lieu of a passport or visa for temporary admission into Nepal. This provision is also applicable if the crew member enters Nepal by other means of transport for the purpose of joining an aircraft.

2.6. In case of emergency or public health pandemic, passengers are obliged to follow the protocols and standards provisioned by Government of Nepal.

3. Public health requirements

3.1 For disembarking passengers:

- a) **A Yellow fever vaccination certificate is required** for travelers aged 9 months or over arriving from countries with risk of Yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Countries with risk of Yellow fever transmission:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo and Uganda;

America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago (Trinidad only), [Uruguay](#) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

- b) **A proof of Polio vaccination with an International certificate of Vaccination is required** for travelers travelling from following countries. All residents and long-term visitors (i.e. > four weeks) of all ages should have received the polio vaccine between four weeks and 12 months prior to travel and those undertaking urgent travel (i.e. within four weeks) should have received a dose of polio vaccine at least by the time of departure.

Countries with risk of Polio transmission:

Afghanistan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen

- c) **A negative report of COVID-19 test (RT-PCR, Gene Expert or True NAAT)** obtained within 72 hours prior to travel

OR

A proof of fully vaccinated, vaccination **against COVID-19** for travelers above 5 years of age 14 days prior to the flight; and an **ARMS** (International traveler form) form filled prior to travel is required for travelers travelling from all the countries (www.ccmc.gov.np).

- 3.2. On departure, health formalities to be followed as per the destination country health requirements.