



## **H.M. Customs**

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**From: H.M. CUSTOMS**  
**To: ALL BROKERS AND IMPORTERS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS**  
**Date: 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2000**  
**Subject: H.M. CUSTOMS BERMUDA - DECLARATION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS**

In an effort to effect clearance of your personal effects through Customs we ask you to complete the following declaration.

Based on your declaration submitted, you may or may not be required to have your consignment examined by a Customs Officer.

- (1) List the goods you are importing and the fair value (the value of the goods at the point of shipping, not the replacement cost of the goods - unless they are new - but what they are actually worth), in Bermuda currency, you truthfully believe the goods are worth.
- (2) The goods should be categorised as the attract varying rates of duty.
- (3) Certain goods are duty free, for example, used clothing and reading books (among others), but they must be listed, with fair value for customs purposes.
- (4) For example, a TV, which was purchased at a cost \$500.00 two years ago, might be worth \$300.00 or \$400.00, depreciation based on standard accounting practices.
- (5) Invoices should wherever possible, accompany goods, which are new.
- (6) All documents relating to your goods, packing lists, Insurance documents and any other related shipping documents should be attached to your Bill of Entry for consideration by customs as to whether an examination will be required.

**WARNING:**

FAILURE TO MAKE A COMPLETE AND TRUTHFUL DECLARATION IS AN OFFENCE AND CAN RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GOODS, FINES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF WHAT MUST BE REPORTED OR DECLARED ASK A CUSTOMS OFFICER. VERIFICATION MAY BE THROUGH QUESTIONING OR PHYSICAL SEARCH OF THE IMPORTED GOODS.

**PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED GOODS INCLUDE:**

THE IMPORTATION OF CONTROLLED DRUGS AND UTENSILS USED THEREWITH IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED UNLESS THE IMPORTED IS IN POSSESSION OF A PERMIT SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE OF BERMUDA.

**AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS/LIVE ANIMALS:**

TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF DANGEROUS AGRICULTURAL PESTS THE FOLLOWING ARE RESTRICTED, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND PLANTS PRODUCTS. LIVE ANIMALS AND PLANTS MAY BE IMPORTED IF THE IMPORTER IS IN POSSESSION OF A VALID PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & PARKS, AND ALL RELEVANT IMPORTATION DOCUMENTS.

I..... have read and duly understand the above. I certify that the values supplied are true and correct. I further state that all the items imported have been declared.