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## CUSTOMS & EXCISE WELCOMES YOU TO NAMIBIA

### IMPORTANT

All goods and gifts, acquired abroad or in any duty-free shop including goods bought duty free on an aircraft and/or ship are subject to payment of customs duty and Value Added Tax (VAT), when brought into Namibia.

As a concession however, travellers may qualify for the following:

- Certain duty-free allowances
- A flat rate assessment; on goods brought into Namibia as **ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE**.

Returning residents should note that goods acquired abroad and sent to Namibia as **UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE** do not qualify for any allowances.

### DUTY - FREE ALLOWANCES

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| • Cigarettes                           | 200       |
| • Cigars                               | 20        |
| • Cigarette or Pipe tobacco            | 250 grams |
| • Wine                                 | 2 litres  |
| • Spirits or other Alcoholic beverages | 1 litre   |
| • Perfume                              | 50ml      |
| • Toilet water                         | 250ml     |

Persons under 18 are not entitled to tobacco and/or drinks allowances.

- Other new or used goods (excluding television receiving sets) of a total value not exceeding N\$3000,00 per person.
- Additional goods, new or used, of a total value not exceeding N\$12 000,00 per person (excluding goods of a class or kind specified above, inclusive, of this item), full duty less 20%.

Such goods, if brought in from:-

- outside the Common Customs Area - CCA (more than N\$3000,00 up to N\$12000,00 are dutiable at a flat rate of 20%.
- inside the Common Customs Area - CCA (i.e. Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland), are duty free.



## PASSAGE THROUGH CUSTOMS

**NEVER** try to hide or mislead Customs officials.  
Anything, which is not properly declared, may be detained.

**NEVER** bring into Namibia prohibited goods such as narcotics, illegal drugs in any form, automatic weapons, military weapons, unnumbered weapons, poison and toxic substances.

**NEVER** bring into Namibia any restricted goods such as endangered species and firearms – provided you are in possession of the necessary authorization/permit.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ABOVE MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PENALTIES AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**



## AIRPORT

### SELECTION OF THE RED OR GREEN CHANNEL

After passing through Immigration and collecting your baggage, you may select either the Red or the Green Channel to pass through Customs Control.

Where the dual channel system is not in operation, report directly to the Customs official on duty and declare all goods in your possession.



## YOU MAY SELECT THE GREEN CHANNEL IF:

- You only possess goods that fall within your duty –free allowance.
- You do not have any prohibited or restricted goods in your possession.
- You do not have goods, or goods intended for re-sale, in your possession.
- You do not have gifts, or gifts carried on behalf of others i.e. goods sent by persons overseas to persons in Namibia, in your possession. These goods are subject to customs duty.
- IF you are in doubt of anything, you may select the RED CHANNEL

## BORDER POSTS

If you are entering Namibia in a vehicle, make sure that all persons travelling with you know what goods they have to declare. All goods subject to Customs duties are to be declared with the Customs officials.

## DUTIES & OBLIGATIONS WHEN DECLARING BAGGAGE

When declaring baggage, whether verbal or written, you must ensure that you declare ALL goods in your possession, as well as their correct values.

When Customs officials request you to make a written declaration the prescribed declaration form must be completed.



## REGISTERING GOODS FOR RE-IMPORTATION INTO NAMIBIA

Personal effects, sporting and recreational equipment that you take abroad fall within your duty-free allowances upon your return to Namibia.

In order to prove that certain identifiable items, specifically valuables such as jewellery, watches, camera, cine and video cameras, radios, etc., were in fact taken with you from Namibia; it is necessary that they be registered for re-importation.

Such items should be produced at your nearest Customs office for identification and registration before your departure from Namibia.

Please note that in the event of your valuables not being identifiable by means of a serial number or identification mark, the matter should be discussed timeously with Customs in order to ensure that suitable identification, e.g., by means of photographs, seals, etc., is available prior to your departure.

Goods that cannot be identified as goods taken from Namibia, may qualify for the duty-free allowances of N\$3000,00 on "other goods" and the flat rate of 20%.

Should you decide to have jewellery that you took with you from Namibia remodelled, processed or repaired while outside Namibia or should you decide to exchange your jewellery for other jewellery, you must ensure that you obtain and retain documentary evidence of the transaction.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further and/or additional information, kindly contact the following:

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Customs and Excise Information Centre

Private Bag 13185

Windhoek

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Tel: + 264 – 61 – 2092047/2636

Fax: + 264 – 61 – 254510

Or any office of Customs & Excise. The address of your nearest Customs & Excise office can be found in your local telephone Directory. If you are unhappy with the treatment you have received at Customs, write to the Controller at the port or airport where you arrived or to the abovementioned address.

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