



Smart Guide to Passenger Clearance



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Tobacco & Liquor

In accordance with the **Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, Chapter 109**, Laws of Hong Kong,

a passenger bringing in alcoholic liquor or tobacco in excess of the exempted quantities should use the **Red Channel** and declare to the Customs officer.

Alcoholic Liquor

A passenger aged 18 or above

is allowed to bring into Hong Kong, for his own use, 1 litre of alcoholic liquor with an alcoholic strength above 30% by volume exempted from duty. A passenger holding a Hong Kong Identity Card must have spent 24 hours or longer outside Hong Kong in order to be qualified for the above duty-free concession.



Tobacco

A passenger aged 18 or above is allowed to bring into Hong Kong free of duty, for his own use, the following quantity of tobacco products:

- 19 cigarettes; or
- 1 cigar or 25 grams of cigars; or
- 25 grams of other manufactured tobacco.



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$1,000,000 and two-year imprisonment

Enquiry

Customs and Excise Department, Hong Kong

Email: customsenquiry@customs.gov.hk

Website: www.customs.gov.hk

Foodstuffs

In accordance with the **Imported Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs Regulations, Chapter 132AK**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Game, Meat, Poultry and Eggs

a passenger bringing any game, meat, poultry or eggs into Hong Kong without health certificate issued by an issuing entity of the place of origin and / or without prior written permission granted by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department commits an offence.

Common examples

Penalty



Maximum fine of HK\$50,000 and six-month imprisonment

Enquiry

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong

Email: enquiries@fehd.gov.hk

Website: www.cfs.gov.hk

In accordance with the **Import and Export Ordinance, Chapter 60**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Powdered Formula

a passenger carrying powdered formula (including milk powder and soya milk powder) for infants and children under 36 months for export without an export licence or exemption commits an offence.

Exemption

A passenger aged 16 or above, on his first departure within a 24-hour period may bring powdered formula with a total net weight of up to 1.8 kilograms (equivalent to approximately 2 cans) out of Hong Kong.



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$500,000 and two-year imprisonment

Enquiry

Trade and Industry Department, Hong Kong

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Website: www.tid.gov.hk

Souvenirs & Gifts

In accordance with the **Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, Chapter 586**, Laws of Hong Kong,

a passenger carrying into / out of Hong Kong endangered species of animals and plants* must obtain a licence issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in advance.

*With reference to the "Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora" (CITES), various endangered species of animals and plants are listed in three Appendices under Schedule 1 to the above Ordinance, the import, introduction from the sea, export, re-export or possession of specimens of a scheduled species, whether alive, dead, its parts or derivatives (including medicines) may be subject to control.

Common examples

Orchid



Agarwood



Seahorse



American Ginseng



Dendrobium



Gastrodia



Stony Coral Skeleton



Three-Striped Box Turtle



Pangolin Scale



Rhino Horn



Ivory



Sea Cucumber



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$10,000,000 and ten-year imprisonment

Enquiry

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong

Email: hk_cites@afcd.gov.hk

Website: www.cites.hk

Souvenirs & Gifts

In accordance with the **Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 134**, Laws of Hong Kong,

a passenger carrying into / out of Hong Kong any products containing cannabis, cannabidiol (CBD) or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) commits an offence unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with.

Common products containing cannabis, CBD, THC

Drinks



Skin Care Products



Food



Personal Care Products



Pet Products



Penalty

**Maximum fine of HK\$5,000,000
and life imprisonment**

Enquiry

Narcotics Division, Security Bureau, Hong Kong

Email: nocbd@sb.gov.hk

Website: www.nd.gov.hk

Medicines

Medicines, Antibiotics or Part 1 Poisons

In accordance with the **Import and Export Ordinance, Chapter 60**, Laws of Hong Kong, a passenger bringing into / out of Hong Kong any medicines without a licence issued by the Department of Health may be liable to prosecution with subject items seized. However, medicines carried by a passenger in his / her personal baggage and in a reasonable quantity for his / her personal use may be exempted. Medicines classified as antibiotics or Part 1 poisons are also subject to control under the **Antibiotics Ordinance, Chapter 137, or the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, Chapter 138**, Laws of Hong Kong. For example, the import / export of such medicines requires a doctor's prescription.

Common examples

Antibiotics

Virility drugs

Zopiclone

Paracetamol

Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$500,000 and two-year imprisonment

In accordance with the **Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 134**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Dangerous Drugs

medicines classified as dangerous drugs are subject to control under the relevant Ordinance. For example, the Import / export of such medicines requires a doctor's prescription.

Common examples

Estazolam

Diazepam

Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$5,000,000 and life imprisonment

Enquiry

Department of Health, Hong Kong

Email: pharmgeneral@dh.gov.hk

Website: www.drugoffice.gov.hk

Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments

In accordance with the **Cross-boundary Movement of Physical Currency and Bearer Negotiable Instruments Ordinance, Chapter 629**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Declaration

a passenger **arriving in Hong Kong** at a specified control point and in possession of a large quantity (i.e. a total value more than HK\$120,000) of currency and bearer negotiable instruments* (“CBNIs”), must use the **Red Channel** and make a written declaration to the Customs officer.

Disclosure

a passenger arriving in Hong Kong other than at a specified control point, or **about to leave Hong Kong**, must upon the requirement of the Customs officer, disclose whether he / she is in possession of a large quantity of CBNIs. If so, he / she must make a written declaration.

* Negotiable instruments include traveller’s cheque, bearer cheque, promissory note, bearer bond, money order and postal order.

Common examples



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$500,000 and two-year imprisonment

Enquiry

Customs and Excise Department, Hong Kong

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Pets & Plants

In accordance with the **Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance, Chapter 139, Rabies Ordinance, Chapter 421, and Plant (Importation and Pest Control) Ordinance, Chapter 207**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Animals and Plants

a passenger bringing in animals / plants (other than exemption*) / plant pests/ soil must obtain a permit/ licence/ authorization issued in advance from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

Exemption

*Plants produced in and imported from any place in China outside Hong Kong are exempted from licensing requirement. This also applies to the import of cut flowers and fruit/ vegetables for consumption.

Examples of Animals

Dog



Cat



Bird



Examples of Plants

Potted Plants with
peat/peat moss



Examples of Plant Pests

Rhinoceros beetle



Grasshopper



Penalty

**Maximum fine of HK\$50,000 and
one-year imprisonment**

Enquiry

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Hong Kong

Email: icsenquiry@afcd.gov.hk (For importation of animals)

Email: plantlic@afcd.gov.hk (For importation of plants)

Alternative Smoking Products

In accordance with the **Import and Export Ordinance, Chapter 60**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Alternative Smoking Products

a passenger who imports an alternative smoking product, including a device, its component or accessory, any substance suitable for use with the device to generate an aerosol from that substance, examples include heated tobacco sticks and “e-liquid”, and herbal cigarettes, commits an offence. Exemption is provided for passengers in transit at the Hong Kong International Airport.

Heated Tobacco Products



Electronic Smoking Products



Herbal Cigarettes



Penalty

**Maximum fine of HK\$2,000,000
and seven-year imprisonment**

Enquiry

Tobacco and Alcohol Control Office, Department of Health, Hong Kong

Email: tobaccocontrol@dh.gov.hk

Website: www.taco.gov.hk

Dangerous Goods

In accordance with the **Dangerous Goods Ordinance, Chapter 295**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Fireworks and Explosives

possession of fireworks and explosives in general is subject to licensing control by the Civil Engineering and Development Department.

Common examples

Fireworks



Firecrackers



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and six-month imprisonment

Enquiry

Civil Engineering and Development Department, Hong Kong

Email: mines@cedd.gov.hk

Website: www.cedd.gov.hk

Weapons & Firearms

In accordance with the **Weapons Ordinance, Chapter 217**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Weapons

a passenger in possession of any prohibited weapon commits an offence.

Common examples

Gravity knife



Knuckleduster



Gravity-operated steel baton



Chinese-style throwing dart



Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$10,000 and three-year imprisonment

In accordance with the **Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance, Chapter 238**, Laws of Hong Kong,

Arms & Ammunition

a passenger in possession of arms* and ammunition must obtain a licence issued by the Hong Kong Police Force.



* Including specified firearm component parts, i.e. barrel, chamber, cylinder, frame, body, receiver, breech block, bolt or other mechanism for containing the pressure of discharge at the rear of a chamber.

Penalty

Maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and fourteen-year imprisonment

Enquiry

Hong Kong Police Force

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