

This guide is compiled from the FIDI Customs Guide for reference only. Customs regulations change frequently; please consult your Seapoe relocation consultant for the latest requirements before shipping.

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Removal Goods

Documents Required

- Original Passport
- Inventory List / Packing List (English only)
- Copy B/L telex release
- Custom Declaration (ask your local agent)
- Authorization Letters (ask your local agent)

Customs Prescriptions

- Once the custom documents have been accepted by customs, the local agent will proceed with the custom inspection. When inspection is completed, the shipment will be released and available for delivery.

Diplomatic Removals

Documents Required

- Duty Free Clearance certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Inventory List / Packing List
- AWB/OBL (telex release is acceptable)
- Certified Diplomatic ID Card Copy
- Certified true copy of passport
- Custom declaration (ask your local agent)
- Authorization letter (ask your local agent)

Customs Prescriptions

- Once the Embassy/Consulate has provided the duty-free clearance certificate, the local agent will arrange custom clearance.
- Shipment of "A" Facility diplomatic status will NOT undergo physical Custom Inspection.

Wine & Alcohol

Documents Required

- No special documents required

Customs Prescriptions

- Sri Lankan customs only allowed 2 bottles of Wine & Alcohols. Rest will be considered as a commercial quantity, and DUTY/TAXES will apply.

Wedding Trousseaux

Documents Required

- No special requirements

Restricted items

Documents Required

- Alcohol
- Brand new furniture
- Clothes & personal belongings (duty free with reasonable quantity)
- Computer software, including floppy discs, music discs, tapes and all video tapes
- Videos, CD's (will be screened for contents)
- Vehicle or vehicle parts

Remarks

- Duties on consumer electronics
- More information at Schedule B <https://www.customs.gov.lk/aboutus/customs-law/>

Prohibited items

Documents Required

- Cash
- Guns & Weapons
- Animal parts
- Antiques & High Value items
- Live plants

Remarks

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Alcohol (for diplomats and non-diplomats)

Documents Required

- No special documentation

Customs Prescriptions

- Only 2 bottles are allowed

Custom Clearance timeframe

Customs Prescriptions

- Air Shipment: 1-2 working days (After transferred to the designated CFS, transferring process to the designated CFS will take 8 – 10 working days)
- FCL Shipments: 2-3 working days (After container discharged at Colombo port)
- LCL Shipments: 2-3 working days (After transferred to designated CFS, transferring process to the designated CFS will take 12-14 working days)