

1. **INTRODUCTION** – This brochure contains information on the list of prohibited and restricted imports. Section 38 of the Customs and Excise Act, 2010 and the importations specified in part A of Eight Schedule are prohibited imports and the importations thereof of such are prohibited from all places or from any particular country or place.
2. **PROHIBITED IMPORT** – The main articles which are prohibited on importation and for which officers at all times must be alerted are as follows:
 - a. Counterfeit or non-standard coins or currency notes
 - b. Indecent articles (Pornographic Materials)
 - c. Firearms and ammunitions of all types and other articles having appearance of lethal weapons. (Unless properly licensed)
 - d. Illicit Drugs
 - e. Expired foods (liquids, soluble & medicine)
 - f. Waste and sludge deposits
 - g. Any organic phosphorus compounds
 - h. Any good that have been imported with the aim of breaching another's intellectual property rights
 - i. Asbestos in all forms
 - j. Ivory, Articles of ivory, wild animal skins, snake skins and articles made from turtle shells and wild plants
 - k. Plastic bags
 - l. Any other good the importation of which is prohibited under any international convention to which The Gambia is a signatory
 - m. Live fish other than live fish indigenous to the Gambia except under license issued by Ministry of fisheries.
 - n. Any goods certified by the Gambia Bureau of Standards as not meeting the standards set by the Bureau.
3. **PROHIBITED EXPORT** – Section 99 of the Customs & Excise Act, 2010 provides that goods specified in Part C of the 8th schedule are prohibited goods and the exportation thereof of such are prohibited. These include:
 - a. Fire arms and ammunitions of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons exported by post.
 - b. Illicit Drugs
 - c. Asbestos
 - d. All goods, the exportation of which is prohibited under Customs & Excise Act, 2010 or any law for the time being in force in the Gambia.
4. **RESTRICTED IMPORTS** – Section 38 of the Customs & Excise Act, 2010 provides that goods specified in Part A of the 8th schedule are prohibited goods and the importation thereof of such are prohibited. These include:
 - a. Firearms (unless properly licensed)
 - b. Machines for duplicating keys
 - c. Handcuffs except under a license issued by Minister of Interior
 - d. Tear gas
 - e. Most live birds (and their eggs) and animals from the African countries are subject to strict control. Ivory, articles of ivory wild animal skin, snake skin and articles made from them.
 - f. Camera drone must be cleared by the Ministry of Information and Communication.
 - g. Military gear
 - h. Plastic bags
 - i. Live fish other than live fish indigenous to the Gambia except under license issued by ministry of fisheries.
 - j. Camera drone must be clear by the Ministry of Information and Communication.
5. **RESTRICTED EXPORT** – The following are restricted exportation under the Customs & Excise Act, 2010:
 - a. All goods, the exportation of which is regulated under Customs and Excise Act or of any law for the time being in force in the Gambia.
 - b. Goods officially exported by or on behalf of the arm forces.
 - c. Goods officially exported by or on behalf of the Gambia government
6. **PROHIBITED EXPORTS** – Section 99 of the Customs and Excise Act, 2010 provides that any good specified in Part C of the 8th schedule are prohibited goods and the exportation thereof is prohibited. These include:

- a. Fire arms and ammunitions of all types and other articles having the appearance of lethal weapons exported by post.
- b. Illicit Drugs
- c. Asbestos
- d. All goods, the exportation of which is prohibited under the Act or any law for the time being in force in the Gambia.

7. **PERSONAL ALLOWANCE** – Part B of general exemptions: Passengers’ baggage item 6 sub section 8 calls for personal allowances. These are allowances giving relief from duty granted to all persons entering the Gambia, whether passengers and crew of ships or aircraft or travelers across the land boundary and includes Gambian nationals returning from a visit abroad. **The allowances per person are as follows:**

- a. 200 sticks of cigarettes or 50 cigars or mixed pro rata e.g. 100 cigarettes and 250 grams tobacco
- b. 1 litre of spirit or 1 litre wine (or 24 cans of beer)
- c. 2 mobile phones
- d. 500 ml Perfume
- e. 1 personal laptop
- f. 1 radio together with a binocular and cam

CUSTOMS OFFICES:

- Banjul Sea Port
- Airport
- Amdalai
- Farafenni
- Bansang
- Soma
- Basse
- Jiboro
- Mandinary

This brochure is not intended as an exhaustive explanation or replacement of the laws in relation to Import & Export Restrictions & Prohibitions. If you require detailed information about Import & Export Restrictions & Prohibitions, you should contact the nearest GRA Customs Office.



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