

1. COMMODITIES PROHIBITED INTO INDIA

- Airline tickets – blank stocks
- Antiques
- Cash letters (hawala)
- Cheques – blank
- Cheques – cancelled
- Cheques – cashier
- Furs
- Gambling device
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Military equipment
- Money orders
- Passports
- Playing cards
- Precious stones and metals
- Radar equipment – transmitters/receivers

2. GIFTS:

SRI LANKA to INDIA

SAMPLES/GIFTS i.e. Bonafide Samples and Gifts duly declared as BONAFIDE SAMPLE SUPPLIED FREE OF COST and GIFT FOR OCCASION upto value INR 10,000/- or any other amount as notified by Indian Customs from time to time must be bagged separately. These will be subject to valuation by Indian Customs.

3. BONAFIDE SAMPLE SHIPMENTS:

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Used or old items of any kind, import license required otherwise subject to penalty and adjudication. If shipper and consignee are same or related, additional declaration/paperwork may be required from consignee.

Temporary imports and exhibition goods cannot be sent on Regional Priority mode

DOX

Airline tickets issued		Manuscripts.....	1
Annual reports.....	1	Music, printed or manuscript	1
Blank forms.....	2	Newspapers.....	1
Booklets, brochures (non-advtg).....	3	Pamphlets.....	5
Business cards.....	4	Personal mail	
Calendars.....	2	Photographs as part of business reports	6
Invoices – not blank		Postal envelopes	
Magazines, journals, periodicals.....	1	Price list.....	6
Manuals, technical.....	1		

1. Max quantity: 5 pcs; otherwise ship as Duts
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3. If advertising brochures, send as Duts and see footnotes regarding Advertising, brochures/pamphlets in Duts section.
4. For non-commercial or personal use only to a maximum of 50 – 100 cards per shipment, otherwise ship as Duts.
5. Max weight 1 kgs; otherwise ship as Duts
6. Postcard size and business related only. Max quantity 10 pcs otherwise ship as Duts.

DUTS

Advertising brochures/pamphlets.....	1	Liquids, non-hazardous.....	2
Alcohol beverages.....	2	Maps.....	12
Animal products.....	3	Medical samples.....	4
Animal skins.....	3	Medical/dental supplies and equipments.....	4
Bunker oil samples (for analysis).....	2	Negatives, including e-rays and films.....	10
Catalogue.....	1	Oil products.....	4
Chemicals, non-hazardous.....	2	Perishables.....	15
Circuits and circuit boards.....	2	Personal effects.....	13
Coal and firewood.....	2	Phones/modems.....	4
Coffee.....	4	Plant products.....	3
Computer software.....	5	Plants.....	15
Cotton seed.....	2	Price tickets for garments.....	11
Credit card blanks.....	6	Publication – not for public resale.....	4
Credit cards.....	6	Publication for public sale.....	4
Deeds.....	4	Radio equipment.....	4
Drugs – non-prescription.....	2	Radios or parts thereof.....	4
Drugs – prescription.....	7,2	Seeds.....	15
Fabric and fabric samples.....	8	Ship spares.....	2
Films.....	9	Shoes.....	14
Films – entertainment.....	10	Sports equipments.....	4
Films – promotional, training.....	10	Tapes – audio cassettes.....	4
Fire extinguishers.....	2	Tapes computer.....	2
Food stuffs.....	2	Tapes video cassettes.....	10
Grain samples.....	4	Telecommunications equipments.....	4
Industrial equipment.....	4	Textile articles.....	8
Labels.....	11	Tobacco.....	2
Leather goods.....	4	Works of art.....	4

1. Imported for free distribution and not for sale
2. Require formal clearance
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4. Subject to destination controls and imports license requirements, expect clearance delays
5. Must clearly indicate “SOFTWARE” on AWB and invoice
6. Acceptable only if shipment contains – bulk blank or embossed credit cards consigned to banks or replacement credit cards issued by foreign banks consigned to non-Indian residing or transiting India.
7. If “Life Saving”, must be declared as such on invoice and AWB. Must be accompanied with a copy of prescription or consignee must provide copy of prescription.
8. All fabric material subject to No Objection Certification from textile commission office prior to physical clearance of shipments. Samples are exempted if max size is 1 meter or are swatches. A sample shipment of textile, fabric or garment should be ideally sent with a lab test report from any internationally accredited agencies viz., SGS, Lloyds Register, Bureau Veritas etc. This will help in avoiding customs delays of 10 – 15 days and also reduce warehouse charges and testing charges for the consignee.
9. Detailed declaration required for censor board. Must state title, length, content and usage.
10. Subject to Censor Board's approval.
11. Should be accompanied by AEPC number of consignee and export order to claim duty exemptions. The consignee will have to provide copy of valid AEPC certificate to Customs.
12. Any publication containing map of India are cleared as formal entries, NOC (No objection Certificate) required from Archeological Survey of India.
13. Shipper and consignee name on AWB must be the same for customs duty/tax exemption, description on AWB must be the same for customs duty/tax exemption, description on AWB must be: “Unaccompanied passenger baggage”. Additional declaration/paperwork may be required from Consignee. Requires formal clearance; hence cannot be shipped using Regional Priority Mode. It can be sent only through Regional Apex mode as and when introduced.
14. Singles, mutilated or odd pairs only for duty free entry.
15. Prohibited on Courier Mode. Can be imported only on formal freight clearance.