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**CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER AND CREW AT ENTRY,
TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE**

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This circular informs airlines/aircraft operators, travelling passengers and crew, sales agents and relevant airport operators of the laws and regulations governing the import and export of goods and currencies in and out of the Maldives.

2.0 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this Issue is to advise relevant parties of the recent amendments to the customs requirements applicable to passengers and crew at international airports in the Maldives.

2.2 The recent changes include:

- Prohibition of vapes, E-cigarettes and related products and devices (ref. 3.1.4);
- Goods imported for personal use which may be exempt from Customs Duty (ref 3.1.6).

3.0 Requirements

3.1 Arriving Passengers and Crew:

3.1.1 All incoming passengers and their baggage are subject to Customs inspection and/or examination. Exclusions to this mandate will be granted solely to the baggage of passengers eligible for diplomatic immunity, provided that the respective baggage has been previously identified and cleared as such.

3.1.2 Articles included in the baggage are subject to release after Customs inspection and/or examination.

3.1.3 Alcoholic beverages, pork and their by-products, dogs and dangerous animals, plants and animals that fall under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, gun powder and explosives, weapons, firearms, ammunition and spear guns and certain type of chemicals will not be permitted to be carried into the country by passengers/crew unless they possess a valid permit or licence.

3.1.4 The following items are totally prohibited:

- Materials contrary to Islam;
- Narcotics and psychotropic substances;
- Vapes, E-cigarettes and related products & devices;
- Pornographic material;
- Idols (for worship);
- Pigs.

