



Government of Nepal (GoN)
Ministry of Finance
Department of Customs

Notice

Department of Customs attention has been drawn by the News published in different media on the clearance of rescue and relief consignment received for the victims affected by the devastating earthquake since 25th April 2015. This is to request you all the following information relating to the Customs Duty exemption and release of rescue and relief consignment.

1. There is no any consignment returned from any Customs until now as received for rescue and relief.
2. Relief and rescue consignment received under due procedures have been cleared providing duty exemption by Customs without any disruption. There is no any consignment suspended in any Customs offices until now.
3. Department of Customs and Customs Offices are kept open on holidays for the swift clearance of relief and rescue consignment and will keep on open during public holidays in the coming days.
4. Government of Nepal has exempted Customs Duty and all other taxes applied in Tent and Tarpaulin from 2nd May to 3rd June 2015 in order to provide prompt clearance of relief and rescue consignment. There is no need of any recommendation for this import.
5. This is also to inform you all that the import of relief and rescue consignment are exempted from Customs duty and other taxes and is not being levied as per the decision of Government of Nepal, Council of Ministers dated 25th April 2015 and Central Natural Disaster Relief Committee dated 30th April 2015.
6. A committee has been constituted under the leadership of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs to issue recommendation relating to the relief and rescue consignment unloaded in the Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu. For other Districts, another Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Chief District Officer in those districts where the Customs offices are located.
7. This is to inform you all that arrangements have been made for Customs clearance of relief and rescue consignment received for earthquake victims assigning high priority during clearance in a simple and prompt manner as per recommendation of the above said Committee. Contact can be made to the following numbers in case of any issue or grievances on import of relief consignment.
8. With reference to the news published in some of the news media regarding the holding of relief and rescue materials in Customs as received for the earthquake victims, there is no any relief materials pending in Customs for clearance. This is to inform that arrangements have been made for Customs Clearance of such relief materials by a separate team of Customs officials applying simple and prompt Customs clearance procedure.
9. Department of Customs has provided an online declaration form in its website (www.customs.gov.np), which is required at clearance point to avail exemption from the Customs Duty and all other Taxes for the goods received for Relief and Rescue purposes.

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