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Importing Commercial Items

A Guide to the Importation of Commercial Items



What are Commercial Goods?

Commercial goods are goods imported for business purposes, goods imported for resale or use as business samples.

Required Documents to clear Commercial Goods

To clear commercial goods, you will need:

- Shipping or Air Freight documents (Bill of Lading or Airway Bill)
- Authentic supplier invoice
- Import permit or license (if required)
- Tax Compliance Certificate (TCC), Taxpayer Registration Number (TRN), and General Consumption Tax (GCT) Certificate copy
- Certificate of Origin (if applicable for preferential duty treatment)
- Electronic Single Administrative Document (eSAD) generated on ASYCUDA

Payment Options

Commercial goods can be cleared by:

- Cash (up to JMD \$1,000,000)
- Online payment (register with Jamaica Customs)
- Debit or credit card
- Manager's cheque
- Direct Bank Transfer (RTGS)
- Advanced Deposit Account

When to Use a Customs Broker

A licensed Customs Broker is required for:

- Goods with Cost Freight Insurance (CIF) value of USD \$5000 and more.
- All motor vehicle clearances
- Where the Cost, Insurance & Freight (CIF) amount is less than US\$5000, the use of a Customs Broker is optional. However, the (Export Single Administration Document-ESAD) document must be prepared by a licensed Customs Broker or the Clearing Agent.

Clearing Process

Commercial goods are cleared using the eSAD on the ASYCUDA system.

- If using a Customs Broker: Submit all documents to the broker for clearance. Complete the C73 form (valid for one year) and pay a JMD \$5000 processing fee.
- If a company employee, or person so authorized by the company, is used to effect clearance, a letter of authorization from the company must be provided, as well as a valid company identification card (for employee).

Remember: Compliance with customs regulations is essential for smooth clearance.





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