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Benefits and Prohibitions during Phytosanitary and Veterinary Control

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Phytosanitary control is not applied

To plants, vegetable products and other materials, which are intended for personal use of accredited diplomats in Georgia and persons with diplomatic status, their administrative staff, representatives of the international organizations and their family members; also including diplomatic mail and diplomatic (consular) pouch. If the quarantine object is being carried by the above mentioned persons in personal items, then control has to be implemented only in such persons or their authorized representatives presence; In case of consular pouch – in authorized person presence. In case of refusal on opening the consular pouch by accredited diplomats in Georgia or persons with diplomatic status or their authorized representatives, such consular pouch will be returned to the sender.

Import of the following goods subjected to phytosanitary control is allowed without phytosanitary certificate or/and permit on import:

1) Plant and vegetable product as a Sample, with total weight – not more than 10 kg, except the plant seeds and plant reproduction materials;

2) imported plants, vegetable products and other materials (which price does not exceed GEL 500) by post mail, luggage or/and passenger hand luggage, in the following cases:

2.1. up to 5 units of plant, including trees and bushes;

2.2. up to 3 kg citrus fruits;

2.3. up to 5 kg other fresh fruit and vegetables, or both together;

2.4. up to 20 units of cut flowers and branches, or both together, or one bouquet of flowers or crown of cut flowers, or of branches, or both together;

2.5. up to 5 units pot plants;

2.6. up to 2 kg of flower bulbs or tuber, or both together;

2.7. 5 package of seed material, each with 5 gram;

2.8 up to 30 kg dried and withered plant origin products;

3) In case of Force Major specified by Tax Code of Georgia, goods subjected to phytosanitary control to be used for liquidation of Force Major consequences.

The phytosanitary and re-export phytosanitary certificate for goods to be exported from Georgia by vehicles or trucks, buses, post mail, luggage or/and passenger luggage is not required.

It is prohibited to import following goods by the postal mail, luggage and/or hand luggage, subjected to phytosanitary control without the phytosanitary certificate and/or if necessary import permit:

1. Bacterial scald (*Erwinia amylovora*) the following host plant and their dust: Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* Med.), Japanese quince (*Chaenomeles* Lindl.), Small-leaved cotoneaster (*Cotoneaster* Ehrh.), Hawthorne (*Crataegus* L.), Quince (*Cydonia* Mill.), Japanese loquat (*Eriobotrya* Lindl), Apple (*Malus* Mill.), Medlar (*Mespilus* L.), *Pyracantha* (*Pyracantha* Roem.), Pear (*Pyrus* L.), Tamale (*Sorbus* L.), Photinea Davidiana (*Photinia davidiana* (Dcne.)

2) Food and seed potatoes;

3) Cut flowers and pot plants: chrysanthemum (*Dendranthema* (DC.) DesMoul), Crnation (*Dianthus* L.) and extraordinary (*Orchidaceae*);

4) Citrus plants (*Citrus* L.) and their hybrids : Komquat (*Fortunella* Swingle), Trifoliate orange (*Poncirus* Raf.) and vine (*Vitis* L.).

**Plant, Vegetable Products and other
Objects subjected to control , Import of which is
Prohibited**

Name	Origin country
Soil (except small amount, which is moved with plants)	From every country
Isolated bark Castanea Mill	Except Europe continents countries
Isolated bark Populus L.	From US countries
Isolated bark Acer saccharum and Quercus L. (except Quercus suber)	North American countries
Live plants Pinus L., Picea A., Abies Mill., Tsuga Carr., Pseudotsuga Carr. Except for fetus and seeds	North American countries
Populus L. live plants, except for fetus and seeds	Canada, USA
Malus Mill., Prunus L., Pyrus L., Crateagus L., Planting material, except Plants in the condition of the rest (without leaves, flower and fruit)	Canada, USA
Solanum L. Planting material, tubers	Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador



Attention

If goods to be imported exceed the abovementioned benefits, please contact customs administration.

Veterinary control is not applied

to the personal effects of accredited diplomats in Georgia and persons with diplomatic status; also including diplomatic mail and diplomatic (consular) pouch. If there is information, that goods suspected to risks for health of animals and public, are being carried by the above mentioned persons, then control has to be implemented only in the presence of such persons or their authorized representatives; in case of consular pouch – in the presence of an authorized person. In case of refusal on opening the consular pouch by accredited diplomats in Georgia or persons with diplomatic status or their authorized representatives, such consular pouch shall be returned to the sender.

In case of Force Major specified by Tax Code of Georgia, during moving the goods subjected to Force Major results liquidation.

List of goods to be imported by post mail, luggage or/and passenger hand luggage (The price of which does not exceed GEL 500) to which the veterinary control is not applied

Goods name	Euro Union states, USA, Switzerland, Lichtenstein Norway	Turkey, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine, Russian Federation	Other countries
Meat products and milk Products	10 kg	5 kg	0
Infant milk powder, Infant food and special food for medical purposes	Within reasonable quantity	Within reasonable quantity	Within reasonable quantity
Fish and fish products (Fish and crustaceans, Molluscs, water and other Invertebrates and their Products, except Caviar)	10 kg	5 kg (indefinite weight in case of one fish obtained by fishing)	5 kg
Red and black caviar	0,2 kg	0,2 kg	0
Other Products of animal origin	10 kg	5 kg	2 kg
Animal food of Animal origin	5 kg	5 kg	0

Remark: Veterinary control does not apply to goods, which are imported (including post mail) as a sample or/and for exhibition purposes, in small amount and are not intended for human consumption.

When bringing no more than 5 units of **pets** by luggage or/and passenger hand luggage, which are not intended for economic activities, the animal (pet) must meet the following requirements:

- 1) must be healthy;
- 2) the preventive vaccination, diagnostic research and relevant processing must be undergone;
- 3) must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate or a pet passport.

International passport for **dogs and cats** must include the following basic information:

1. data about animal (information for its identification);
2. data about pet owner;
3. residence address;
4. data about veterinary measures provided on the pet (by referring the dates):
 - 4.1 about the rabies vaccination;
 - 4.2 treatment against the eco and endoparasites.

Pets – dogs, cats, polecats, invertebrates (except bee and Crustaceans) , tropic decorative fish, amphibia, reptile, all birds (except: quail, pheasant, cabbage, ostrich, chicken, turkey, seagull, duck, goose, pigeon), rodents and domestic rabbits accompanied by the owner or the physical person responsible for them and are not intended for sale or transfer to another owner.

In case of **export** from Georgia of goods subjected to veterinary control, **submission of certificates is mandatory** only if:

1. it is cattle for slaughter, during export of breeding animals;
2. goods are considered under the codes 4101, 4102, 4103 of national Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity (except when exporting goods considered under the codes 4101, 4102, 4103 of national Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity by vehicle, trucks-busses, post mail, luggage or/and passenger hand luggage).

Import permit of goods subjected to veterinary control is not required for animals and materials intended for laboratory, research and scientific purposes.





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What must We Know when Crossing
the Custom Border of Georgia

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Crossing of State Borders of Georgia by physical person is possible only by passing through checkpoints opened specifically for international traffic. Border and customs control procedures are conducted towards the persons during crossing the state border.

Passport control

► Citizen of Georgia

- when leaving/entering Georgian territory, submits passport or certificate of return to Georgia or other travel document which substitutes passport;
- if the visa is necessary for entering the intermediate or final destination country, then intermediate country or/and final destination country visa should be submitted additionally;
- when leaving Georgia temporarily, children up to 16 years and disabled persons should be accompanied by the rightful representative (rightful representation must be confirmed by birth certificate or other substitute document) or notarially certified permit from one of the rightful representatives should be presented and accompanied by legal aged capable person;
- when leaving Georgia temporarily, underage person from 16 to 18 years, if he/she is not in official marriage, should present notarially certified permit from rightful representative.

► Citizen of foreign country

- submits passport or other substitute travelling document when crossing the border;
- If required permit of stay in Georgia: visa of Georgia or permit on residence or certificate on temporary residence for persons with refugee or humanitarian status in Georgia.

For detailed information on visas please refer the official web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia:

www.mfa.gov.ge



For foreigners and stateless persons!

- After expiration of the date of stay in Georgia, in case of staying for longer period, the following sanctions are applied:
 - GEL 180 up to 3 months period;
 - GEL 360 in case of staying more than 3 month.

Which documents should be submitted by the driver together with the travel documentation?

- driving license of the vehicle;
- registration document for the vehicle;
- document certifying rightful ownership of the vehicle (if it is not confirmed by the registration document);

During scheduled international conveyance of passengers

- authorization on regular international conveyance of passengers;
- route time-schedule, tariffs, route-chart for transport units confirmed by partner countries competent bodies;
- document confirming the legitimate ownership of the passenger vehicle by the carrier;
- document confirming employment of the driver by the carrier;
- passengers registration card, except when moving empty vehicle.

During nonscheduled international conveyance of passengers:

- ▶ authorization on irregular international conveyance of passengers;
- ▶ document confirming the legitimate ownership of the passenger vehicle by the carrier;
- ▶ document confirming employment of the driver by the carrier.

During international transportation of cargo by vehicles

If not otherwise specified by the international agreement of Georgia, during movement of the vehicles (empty or loaded) registered in the foreign country at the custom border of Georgia, one the following documents should be submitted additionally:

- ▶ permit for the international transportation of cargoes by vehicles;
- ▶ or authorization on the international transportation of cargoes;
- ▶ or permit on the international transportation of cargoes from the territory of Georgia.

Price of road toll during transportation of cargoes by trucks

- ▶ the price of road toll for transit transportation of one truck on the territory of Georgia for amounts to GEL 200;

- ▶ during transit transportation of cargoes by trucks, vehicle owner/driver before leaving the custom territory of Georgia is obliged:
 - ▶ to purchase road toll card;
 - ▶ or provide payment of road toll at the bank office existing at the territory of Georgia with the following State Treasury code: 302003277
 - ▶ to submit the receipt confirming payment of road toll at the bank office or road toll card at the customs checkpoint when leaving the territory. Otherwise vehicle will not be permitted to leave the country territory.
- ▶ person, who provides transportation by vehicle of stored cargoes at the existing customs checkpoint territory of marine harbor on the territory of Georgia in accordance with the route established by Tax authority from harbor territory to the control zone which is located in the radius of nearest 10 km or vice-versa is released from road toll fee payment;

Customs Control

During customs control the customs checkpoint officer is authorized:

- ▶ to conduct verbal interview of the passenger;
- ▶ to check the personal luggage, hand-luggage, vehicle;
- ▶ to conduct physical examination of the passenger (in the process of examination it is possible to use the special equipment, such as metal-detector, body scanner and etc).

In which cases is the physical person obliged to declare goods when crossing the customs borders of Georgia?

- ▶ during import/export of goods intended for economic activities (regardless of their quantity and value);
- ▶ if import of goods is restricted or/and special permit and license is required;
- ▶ if quantity or/and value of imported goods exceeds exemption limit established by Tax Code of Georgia;
- ▶ in case of applying existing benefits envisaged by Tax Code for being abroad more than every 6 months period and entering Georgia for permanent residence;
- ▶ in case of moved cash flow on the custom border of Georgia (national or/and foreign currency), checks or/and other securities, if their total sum does not exceed GEL 30 000 or its equivalent in other currency.

What documents are submitted by a driver during cargo transportation?

- ▶ Waybill of transportation or TIR book;
- ▶ Purchasing document of goods:
 - ▶ Contract of purchase of goods
 - ▶ or invoice
 - ▶ or other accounting document
- ▶ if required, the license/permit/certificate must be submitted additionally.

For which goods is it mandatory to additionally submit the permit and certificate?

- ▶ Weapon or explosive material;
- ▶ Narcotic Drugs or psychotropic substance;
- ▶ Antique or piece of artist;
- ▶ Poisonous substance or medicines;
- ▶ Plant and / or animal, their parts or products derived from them;
- ▶ High frequency radio-electronic device, communication equipment;
- ▶ Radioactive material;
- ▶ Residues (including radioactive waste);
- ▶ Ozone depleting substance;
- ▶ Treatment means subjected to special control.

