



ISAF and/or US-DLA and Afghan Customs Department Joint Agreement on Procedure for Customs Release of White Goods

In accordance with the Diplomatic Note of ISAF bearing number ISAF/ICCC/SHI/20140601 dated 01 June 2014 and Agreement Letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan bearing number 285 dated 12/03/1393 agreed upon by the Deputy Minister of Customs and Revenue, Ministry of Finance and even approved by H.E Minister of Finance, Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (Order Number 14-3 dated 29-03-1393), the Afghan Customs Department in consultation with International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the US-Defense Logistics Agency (US-DLA) hereby establishes the following procedure for processing of white goods:

Definition:

1. For the purposes of this procedure, **white goods** means such commercial type (non-military) goods that have been imported into Afghan Customs Territory duty-free by ISAF, US-DLA and the US Forces under the Military Technical Agreement (MTA) and/or Status Of Forces Agreement (SOFA) and are now intended to be released for free circulation in Afghanistan after actuating through ISAF and/or US-DLA and paying customs duty in Afghan Inland Customs Depots.

Pre-processing Steps to be taken:

2. ISAF and US-DLA in Afghanistan shall appoint authorized officers to deal with all matters concerning the white goods processing procedure and communicate names, contact details and specimen signatures of all such authorized officers of every facility to Afghan Customs Department, and Afghan Customs Department, in turn, shall instantly circulate names, contact details and specimen signatures of all such authorized officers of ISAF and US-DLA in Afghanistan to all concerned Customs Offices.

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3. Afghan Customs Department shall provide a list of names and contact details (including email addresses) of all its officers at Headquarters and Inland Customs Depots that are empowered to deal with the matters concerning the white goods processing procedure to the authorized representatives of ISAF and/or US-DLA in Afghanistan.
4. Afghan Customs Department and ISAF and/or US-DLA in Afghanistan each shall appoint a liaison officer at the Head Quarters for their respective organization to facilitate processing of white goods, and to report the process to the senior management of Afghan Customs Department or ISAF and/or US-DLA in Afghanistan, as the case may be. Names, designations, email addresses and phone numbers of such liaison officers shall be made available to the other party.

Processing Procedure:

5. The buyer shall submit a 'Proof of Import' in favour of the white goods being released to the Inland Customs Department. As per Military Technical Agreement (MTA), a certificate issued by ISAF and/or US-DLA in Afghanistan mentioning that the goods are imported into Afghanistan in accordance with provisions laid in MTA and/or SoFA shall be considered as 'Proof of Import' by the respective Inland Customs Depots. The detailed inventory list, by conveyance, also certified by appropriate official of ISAF and/or US-DLA in Afghanistan shall also be submitted to Afghan Inland Customs Depot and send a copy to ACD - HQ. Proof of Import and Inventory List need to be submitted at property release. Without these important documents Customs release activities shall not be processed.
6. The inventory of white goods shall contain the following information:
 - Detailed and specific description of goods, item-wise;
 - Invoice detailing value for each of the property sold to the buyer by ISAF and/or US - DLA as CIF Value;
 - Name and complete address of the buyer and contact number of its representative;
 - Name of the ISAF and/or US-DLA facility or base in Afghanistan which is responsible for release of the goods



- Truck Registration Number and Description
 - Driver's Name and License Number
 - Date and time of release of goods
 - Name of nearest Afghan Customs Depot as destination in Afghanistan
 - Lock and seal number affixed by buyer and confirmed by ISAF and/or US-DLA authorized officer of the respective facility or base in Afghanistan
 - Signature of the authorized officer(s) who oversaw the procedure
7. In case the goods released have not reached the nearest Inland Customs Depot within the expected time, the Director of the Inland Customs Depot concerned shall forthwith notify the authorized officer of ISAF and/or US-DLA such non-arrival of goods, and the authorized officer shall immediately contact the buyer and attempt to resolve the reason for delay to Inland Customs Depot. The buyer will not be authorized to remove further property from ISAF and/or DLA Facilities, until the delayed shipment is resolved.
8. While determining the value of the goods for customs purposes, the Director of the Inland Customs Depot concerned shall consider the price at which the goods were sold to the buyer and assess customs duty and fees in accordance with international customs conventions. The cost to the buyer includes all transportation, freight, and insurance.
9. The Buyer shall be responsible to pay all the customs duties, fees and related taxes applicable at the Inland Custom Depot Office concerned.
10. It shall be the responsibility of ISAF and/or, US-DLA in Afghanistan to ensure that the released goods does not include the following prohibited goods:
1. Alcoholic drinks
 2. Armoured vehicles
 3. Arms and ammunition
 4. Live pig and all pig products
 5. Cotton seeds
 6. Narcotic drugs
 7. Chemical fertilizer Ammonium Nitrate

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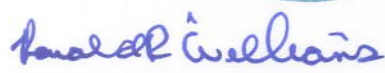
8. Plastic carry bags

11. ISAF and/or US-DLA shall comply with the aforementioned procedure scrupulously while dealing with white goods. It shall also be their responsibility to ensure compliance with all other laws and regulations that the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan enforces. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan shall notify ISAF and/or US-DLA of any violations of Afghanistan law and allow a reasonable period to remedy said violation.
12. Matters other than the 'Proof of Import' document in Clause 5 shall be dealt with as per provisions of Afghan Customs Law.
13. This procedure shall not allow any other indemnity from existing laws and regulations of the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and from existing international and bilateral (MTA and SOFA) obligations.
14. Afghan Customs Department shall notify ISAF and/or US-DLA if there are any changes made in the aforementioned procedure before such changes come into effect.

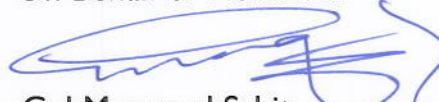
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