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MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE

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To: All Passengers and Travellers on tourist visa entering the Maldives

Subject: Revised Guidelines on Importation of Tobacco Products by Travellers

In accordance with the Fourth Amendment to the *“Regulation on Packaging and Labelling of Tobacco Products”* and the *“Guideline on Duty Exemption for Goods Brought by Travellers, Personal Effects, and Commercial Samples,”* effective November 9, 2024, only travelers on tourist visa are permitted to import limited quantities of tobacco products for personal use.

The quantities and types of tobacco products eligible for duty exemption are as follows:

- Up to 200 cigarettes, or 25 cigars, or 250 grams of tobacco.

Quantities exceeding these limits will be retained by Customs for a maximum of 30 days. Tourists can collect these items at the departure terminal of Velana International Airport (VIA) customs counter prior to their departure from Maldives.

Additionally, any tobacco products brought by non-tourist travellers that do not meet the Ministry of Health’s labelling requirements will be confiscated by Customs.

We strongly encourage all passengers and travellers to review these updated requirements to ensure compliance and a smooth entry process when bringing tobacco products into the Maldives.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

