

NOTICE

Clearance of Relief Equipment/Material for Relief and Rescue Operations in Sri Lanka

1. How to send the donations to Sri Lanka?

Any individual or organization could send relief items (as above) to the country using any mode of transport. Please be advised that in order to avail of the duty-free clearance, the relief consignments should be addressed to the following consignee:

**Secretary to the Ministry of Defence,
Disaster Management Center (DMC),
Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07.**

For a smooth and expeditious clearance process, please include a List of Items with the quantity and estimated value for Customs purposes and email to DMC prior to departure of shipment from the sending country. (email and contact details of DMC can be found at the end of this document)

Relief consignments could be sent from Individuals/Organizations:

- Consigned to Disaster Management Center
- Consigned to individuals and organizations in Sri Lanka

2. How to clear the donations from Sri Lanka Customs?

2.1. Consigned to DMC: DMC will undertake clearance on duty free basis.

2.2. Consigned to individuals and organizations in Sri Lanka

- If the local recipient agrees to transfer ownership to DMC, clearance will be undertaken by DMC on a duty free basis. All other charges relevant to the consignment such as freight (if not prepaid), local shipping line charges, handling charges at the point of clearance etc. should be borne by the respective.
- If the recipient wishes to clear under their own name or organization, such goods shall be cleared by the respective consignee on payment of all applicable levies.

Therefore, it is advised that all relief consignments be consigned to the DMC for duty free clearance.

3. Who will undertake the distribution?

The distribution of the goods cleared under the DMC shall take place in accordance with the guidelines determined by the Government.

For further clarifications, please contact the following;

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