

# IMPORTANT

Travelling with CASH in any CURRENCY and/or NEGOTIABLE BEARER INSTRUMENTS more than USD10,000 equivalent?



Please declare the amount using form CUSTOMS NO. 22

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**INFORMATION FOR ALL TRAVELLERS**  
to assist you in understanding and  
fulfilling your obligations under the  
**Anti-Money Laundering and  
Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001**

### **Are you carrying cash and/or negotiable bearer instruments more than USD10,000 equivalent?**

All persons entering or leaving Malaysia with cash and/or negotiable bearer instruments exceeding an amount equivalent to USD10,000 must make a declaration in form Customs No. 22.

This is a requirement under section 23 of the Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorism Financing Act 2001 (AMLATFA).

### **Who must make a declaration?**

Any person entering or leaving Malaysia through any entry or exit point with:

- a) cash; and/or
- b) negotiable bearer instruments

totalling more than USD10,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency).

### **What is cash?**

Cash includes Ringgit Malaysia notes and coins and foreign currency notes and coins.

### **What is negotiable bearer instrument?**

Negotiable bearer instrument includes:

- a) monetary instrument in bearer form;
- b) negotiable instrument that is either in bearer form, endorsed without any restriction, made out to a fictitious payee, or otherwise in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery; and
- c) incomplete instrument that is signed but with the payee's name omitted.

Examples of negotiable bearer instrument include traveller's cheques, bankers' drafts, bearer cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes, postal orders and money orders.

### **How to make a declaration?**

Fill up form Customs No. 22 with true and complete information and make sure the form is duly signed and dated. Submit the completed form to the Customs officers on duty.

### **Where to obtain form Customs No. 22?**

Form Customs No. 22 is available at the counters before you pass through the Customs checkpoint. If the form is not available, please ask for a copy of the form from the Customs officers on duty.

### **What if I fail to declare or make a false declaration?**

Any non-declaration/false declaration is an offence under the AMLATFA, which is liable to a fine not exceeding RM1,000,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding a term of one year. The offence may be compounded with a fine not exceeding RM500,000. The cash and negotiable bearer instruments may also subject to seizure and forfeiture.

### **What if the cash and negotiable bearer instruments are kept in my baggage or vehicles?**

The requirement to declare under the AMLATFA applies to all cash and negotiable bearer instruments on person, in your possession or in any baggage, vehicles or personal belongings.

### **What if I am carrying cash and/or negotiable bearer instruments for someone else?**

You are still required to make a declaration by completing form Customs No. 22 with complete and true information about yourself and the cash and negotiable bearer instruments carried with you.

### **Can the Customs officers stop, question and search persons?**

Customs officers are empowered under the law to stop, question and search any person. You must answer truthfully any question that the Customs officers may ask about you and the cash and/or negotiable bearer instruments carried with you. The Customs officers may retain/seize any cash and/or negotiable bearer instruments that the Customs officers suspect are not declared, falsely declared or relating to money laundering, terrorism financing or other criminal activities.

### **For further enquiries or assistance to complete form Customs No. 22**

Please contact any Customs officer on duty for assistance.