

CAYMAN ISLANDS



**Customs and Border Control Act
(2025 Revision)**

CUSTOMS AND BORDER CONTROL (PROHIBITED GOODS) ORDER

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Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) Order (2025 Revision)*.

Definitions**1A.** In this Order —

“**Director of Licensing**” means the person appointed to that position under section 3 of the *Traffic Act (2023 Revision)*;

“**door**” includes a door giving access to a luggage compartment;

“**educational institution**” means —

- (a) a school; or
- (b) an institution that provides part-time or full-time —
 - (i) early childhood care and education;
 - (ii) compulsory education;
 - (iii) post-compulsory education and training;
 - (iv) technical and vocational education and training;

- (v) education to prepare for the award of any degree, qualification or certification; or
- (vi) education for persons with special education needs and disabilities;

“exhibition vehicle” means —

- (a) a classic, vintage, antique, replica or kit car; or
- (b) any other vehicle,

which is at least thirty years old and used for exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest but not for general transportation;

“motorcycle” means a vehicle, other than a mechanically or electrically propelled vehicle designed exclusively for personal use on a road by a person under physical disability, with three wheels or less, which is used for the transportation of people, and includes a motor scooter and moped, but does not include an all-terrain cycle;

“omnibus” means a vehicle constructed or capable of being used for the carriage of ten or more persons, excluding the driver, which is licensed to carry passengers on a fare-paying basis or by private arrangement on a designated route approved by the Public Transport Board established by section 45 of the *Traffic Act (2023 Revision)*;

“road” means a public place where a vehicle may be driven or parked and such areas adjacent to that place as may be prescribed by the *Traffic Act (2023 Revision)* or regulations made under that Act;

“trailer” means a vehicle, other than a caravan designed or adapted for human habitation, having no motive power, which is designed to be drawn by a vehicle; and

“vehicle” means a wheeled or tracked vehicle capable of being driven or towed on a road, and includes an electrically powered vehicle, agricultural and earthmoving vehicle, motorcycle, scooter and wheeled trailer, but does not include a hand cart, barrow, baby carriage.

Import of rice, etc.

2. The import of rice and sugar is prohibited, except with the permission of the Cabinet, from countries of origin other than —

Costa Rica	Puerto Rico
Dominican Republic	Republic of Honduras
Haiti	United Kingdom and Commonwealth Countries
Israel	United States of America
Mexico	Venezuela



Import of cement

- 2A.** The import of cement is prohibited, except with the permission of the Cabinet, from countries of origin other than —

Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Puerto Rico
Cuba	Republic of Honduras
Dominican Republic	United Kingdom and Commonwealth Countries
Haiti	United States of America
Israel	Venezuela
Mexico	

Import of marine radio transmitting equipment

- 3.** The import of marine radio transmitting equipment for operation in the A.M. Mode only within the bands 1605 and 4000 kHz is prohibited.

Import of omnibuses

- 4.** The import of an omnibus is prohibited unless the following conditions are satisfied in respect of the omnibus —
- (a) doors for passenger use are located on the near-side of the omnibus;
 - (b) no door for passenger use, other than one door for the exclusive use of the driver, is located on the off-side of the omnibus;
 - (c) an adequate number of emergency exits is provided;
 - (d) doors and emergency exits are clearly marked on the inside and outside and are capable of being readily opened from the outside of the omnibus;
 - (e) doors for passenger use are so contrived as to be incapable of opening accidentally while the omnibus is in motion; and
 - (f) doors for passenger use are equipped with handrails, steps and lighting of a strength and design sufficient to ensure the safety of passengers making use of them.

Import of vehicles whose model year is eight years or older

- 4A.** (1) Subject to subparagraph (2), the import of a vehicle whose model year is eight years or older is prohibited.
- (2) Subparagraph (1) does not apply —
- (a) to an ambulance;
 - (b) to a fire engine;

- (c) to a vehicle imported by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service for use in the performance of the functions of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service;
- (d) to a vehicle that is —
 - (i) designed for personal use on a road by a person with a physical disability, where, in accordance with the provisions of the *Traffic Act (2023 Revision)*, that disability does not render the person unable to drive the vehicle safely; or
 - (ii) constructed or adapted to transport a person with a physical disability;
- (e) subject to the conditions in paragraph 4, to an omnibus;
- (f) to an exhibition vehicle;
- (g) subject to the conditions in subparagraph (3), to a vehicle that is manufactured and assembled in North America or Europe and that is —
 - (i) a classic, vintage, antique, replica or kit car or any other vehicle that is at least twenty years old; and
 - (ii) used for exhibitions, club activities, parades and other functions of public interest but not for general transportation;
- (h) to a vehicle that is not constructed or adapted for use on roads;
- (i) to a vehicle used for construction, road maintenance, engineering, agricultural or earthmoving work or the transportation of heavy goods or equipment including —
 - (i) a backhoe;
 - (ii) a bulldozer;
 - (iii) a crane truck or boom truck;
 - (iv) an excavator;
 - (v) a forklift;
 - (vi) a front end loader;
 - (vii) a lorry;
 - (viii) a mechanical shovel;
 - (ix) a tractor;
 - (x) a track-laying or wheeled vehicle; and
 - (xi) a truck head or trailer head;
- (j) to a trailer;
- (k) to a vehicle that is constructed or adapted for the delivery of goods or mail to consumers or addresses;
- (l) to a motorcycle;



- (m) to a scooter; and
- (n) subject to the conditions in subparagraph (4), to a vehicle that —
 - (i) for at least one year before the date of the intended importation, is owned and used by a Caymanian residing abroad for at least one year, including a Caymanian residing abroad for at least one year for the purposes of education; and
 - (ii) is to be imported by the Caymanian for personal use because the Caymanian is returning to the Islands to take up residence.
- (3) The import of a vehicle referred to in subparagraph (2)(g) is subject to the following conditions —
 - (a) that the vehicle is treated as an exhibition vehicle;
 - (b) that the owner of the vehicle applies to the Director of Licensing for exhibition registration plates in accordance with section 19 of *the Traffic Act (2023 Revision)* and any other applicable law; and
 - (c) that the owner of the vehicle complies with any Act or other law relating to exhibition vehicles in respect of that vehicle.
- (4) A Caymanian who intends to import a vehicle pursuant to subparagraph (2)(n) shall provide to the Customs and Border Control —
 - (a) proof of residence outside of the Islands for the period specified in that subparagraph, to the satisfaction of the Customs and Border Control, including proof in the form of —
 - (i) a work permit;
 - (ii) a letter of employment indicating the period of employment;
 - (iii) receipts showing payment of taxes;
 - (iv) receipts showing payment of social security contributions or any other similar contributions;
 - (v) a student visa; and
 - (vi) a certificate, a degree or other qualification from an educational institution or a letter from an educational institution indicating the period of study;
 - (b) a bill of sale or any other relevant written documentation that proves to the satisfaction of the Customs and Border Control the date of the purchase of the vehicle;
 - (c) proof of registration of the vehicle in the jurisdiction outside of the Islands; and
 - (d) any other proof that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Customs and Border Control that the vehicle was being used by the Caymanian for the

period of at least one year prior to the date of the intended importation, including proof in the form of —

- (i) vehicle insurance in the name of the Caymanian; and
- (ii) vehicle maintenance receipts.

- (5) The exemption under subparagraph (2)(n) is limited to one vehicle in respect of each Caymanian who meets the specified criteria and who satisfies the conditions referred to in subparagraph (4).

Import of goods depicting ganja

5. The import of all goods depicting or bearing, whether expressly or by implication, any reference to ganja or the ganja plant is prohibited, except where the goods depict or bear reference to any cannabis extract or tincture of cannabis.

Import of manually operated weapons

6. The import of bows, catapults or other manually operated weapons which are capable of projecting arrows or other missiles is prohibited, except that such objects may be imported, when accompanied by a permit signed by the Commissioner of Police, by a natural person in connection with that person's competitive sporting activities or the carrying on by that person of activities relating to the cultural or historical aspects of weapons.

Import of paraquat dichloride and its derivatives

7. The import of the following is prohibited —
- (a) paraquat dichloride; and
 - (b) any derivative of paraquat dichloride.

Transitional provision

8. (1) Where —
- (a) before the date of commencement of the *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2023 [SL 12 of 2023]*, a person entered into an agreement to purchase, or purchased, a vehicle whose model year is eight years or older, with the intention of importing the vehicle into the Islands; and
 - (b) upon the date of commencement of the *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2023 [SL 12 of 2023]* the vehicle has not been imported into the Islands, the vehicle shall be dealt with as if the *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2023 [SL 12 of 2023]* had not come into force.
- (2) Subject to subparagraph (3), a person referred to in subparagraph (1) who intends to import into the Islands the vehicle referred to in that subparagraph



shall provide to the Customs and Border Control a bill of sale or other relevant written documentation as proof of —

- (a) the date of the agreement to purchase the vehicle; or
- (b) the date of the purchase of the vehicle.

(3) The requirement under subparagraph (2) shall not apply to the following vehicles —

- (a) exhibition vehicles;
- (b) vehicles which are not constructed or adapted for use on roads; and
- (c) vehicles used for construction, road maintenance, engineering, agricultural or earthmoving work or the transportation of heavy goods or equipment including —
 - (i) backhoes;
 - (ii) bulldozers;
 - (iii) crane trucks or boom trucks;
 - (iv) excavators;
 - (v) forklifts;
 - (vi) front end loaders;
 - (vii) lorries;
 - (viii) mechanical shovels;
 - (ix) tractors;
 - (x) track-laying or wheeled vehicles; and
 - (xi) truck heads or trailer heads.

(4) Where, on 4th September, 2024, the date of commencement of the *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2024 [SL 31 of 2024]*, a vehicle under paragraph 4A(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (j), (k), (l), (m) or (n) is landed in the Islands, the vehicle shall be dealt with under this *Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) Order (2025 Revision)*].

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Kim Bullings
Clerk of the Cabinet



ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation history:

SL #	Law/Act #	Legislation	Commencement	Gazette
31/2024		Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2024	4-Sep-2024	LG29/2024/s1
		Customs (Prohibited Goods) Order (2024 Revision)	6-Feb-2024	LG5/2024/s1
12/2023		Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2023	1-May-2023	LG14/2023/s1
		Customs (Prohibited Goods) Order (2023 Revision)	17-Jan-2023	LG2/2023/s5
54/2021		Customs and Border Control (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2021	15-Jul-2021	LG40/2021/s1
	56/2020	Citation of Acts of Parliament Act, 2020	3-Dec-2020	LG89/2020/s1
		Customs (Prohibited Goods) Order (2017 Revision)	31-May-2017	GE45/2017/s6
59/2016		Customs (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2016	23-Nov-2016	GE93/2016/s2
12/2015		Customs (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2015	29-Apr-2015	GE31/2015/s1
45/2012		Customs (Prohibited Goods) (Amendment) Order, 2012	17-Sep-2012	GE90/2012/s12
		Customs (Prohibited Goods) Order (2003 Revision)	2-Jun-2003	G11/2003/s10
32/2002		Customs (Prohibited Goods) Regulations, 2002	10-Mar-2003	G5/2003/s10
12/1996		Customs (Prohibited Imports) Order, 1996	19-Jan-1996	G4/1996/s1
8/1988		Customs Law (Second Revision) Notice, 1988	30-May-1988	GE30May/1988/p1
8/1983		Customs (Prohibited Goods) (Colombia) Order, 1983	14-Nov-1983	G23/1983/s6
9/1983		Customs (Prohibited Goods) (Mexico) Order, 1983	31-Oct-1983	G22/1983/s3
17/1982		Customs (Prohibition on Import of Goods) (Amendment) Order, 1982	22-Feb-1982	G4/1982/s1
37/1978		Customs Law (Revised) Order (No. 3), 1978	6-Jun-1978	G12/1978/s1
36/1978		Customs Law (Revised) Order (No. 2), 1978	28-Mar-1978	G7/1978/s4
41/1977		Customs Law (Revised) (Section 10(1)(d)) Order, 1977	3-Jan-1978	G1/1978/s8





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