Bandaranaike Airport permits select travellers to return to duty free arrivals

Eligibe travellers that missed out on the chance to shop arrivals duty free at Colombo's Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) earlier this year due to coronavirus-related restrictions can now do so.

Passengers who arrived in Sri Lanka *between 9 March and 31 May and had to go to quarantine centres are able to visit the arrivals duty free shopping complex from today (6 July), according to government-owned Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) limited.

Shoppers will need to present various forms of documentation and identification to gain access to the shops.



A new scheme allows certain passengers at Sri Lankas Bandaranaike International Airport to shop arrivals duty free.



AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED

PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY OF PURCHASING GOODS FROM THE ARRIVAL DUTY FREE SHOPPING COMPLEX AT THE BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA) FOR PASSENGERS WHO ARRIVED IN SRI LANKA FROM 09TH MARCH 2020 TO 31ST MAY 2020 WHO COULD NOT BUY GOODS AS THEY WERE DIRECTLY REFERRED TO QUARANTINE CENTRES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARRIVAL AT BIA, DUE TO COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC SITUATION

The Chairman and the Management of Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited is pleased to inform the above mentioned passengers, that it has been decided to provide the opportunity for them to buy goods from the Arrival Duty Free Complex at BIA under the following conditions, subject to rules and regulations of Sri Lanka Customs and all relevant quarantine rules and regulations of Health Authorities.

- The first batch of passengers who qualify for this will be only the passengers who arrived in Sri Lanka between 09th March 2020 and 31st May 2020 and who were directly referred to quarantine centres. Arrangements for passengers arrived after 01st June 2020 will be notified later.
- The passenger whose name is in the relevant Passport shall only be permitted to enter the Arrival Duty Free Shopping Complex at BIA for the purchase of goods and he/she should bring the following documents:
 - (i) Passport
 - (ii) The original of the Quarantine Certificate issued by the relevant Quarantine Centre and the original Certificate issued by the Public Health Inspector after self-quarantine.
 - (iii) National Identity Card (NIC) or valid driving licence and a photocopy of it.
- 3. If any passenger wishes to purchase goods entitled to their children, below 18 years of age and who arrived in the Island during the above period with mother/father or guardian, permission will be granted for same on submission of the Passport and the original of the Birth Certificate/National Identity Card of the child by mother/father or guardian. However, under the prevailing situation those children will not be permitted to enter the Arrival Duty Free Shopping Complex.
- 4. Passengers could purchase goods only to the duty free entitlement, applicable to them at the time of their arrival at BIA. Further details could be obtained from the website of the Department of Sri Lanka Customs http://www.customs.gov.lk/traveller/home#t_2. Further, when coming to BIA to get this opportunity, the passenger shall bring foreign currency subject to his/her legal entitlement only, for purchase of duty free goods and there will not be an opportunity for them to exchange local currency to foreign currency at BIA.
- 5. Passengers shall arrive at the Airport to purchase goods, from 06th July 2020 daily from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. and it is compulsory to bring along all the documents [2 (i), (ii) & (iii) mentioned above] to the "Special Ticket Counter for Passengers subjected to Quarantine" located at the entrance of the Departure Terminal. In order to reserve a date and time prior to the arrival, it is essential to register providing the Name, Passport No., NIC No. of the Passenger, date & time of Arrival in Sri Lanka, the Flight No., through Special Telephone No. 011 2263017 allocated for the purpose at BIA. Registration will commence today. Those who do not get registered will not be permitted to enter.
- Parking facilities have been provided for vehicles of passengers who arrive for the purpose at the Terminal Car Park subject to applicable fees and if required Airport Taxies could be obtained, after the completion of purchasing and Custom formalities.

Chairman,
Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited,
Bandaranaike International Airport,
Katunayake.

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They can benefit from arrivals duty free shopping daily between 08:30 and 15:30 and can browse from electrical and electronic household appliances, wines & spirits, perfumes, chocolate and other goods.

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Arriving passengers follow strict health checks, including polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests carried out by health authorities.

Those with Sri Lankan passports are granted a duty free arrivals allowance based on their period of time abroad, while foreigners (except those with a resident visa) are permitted to buy liquor and cigarettes.

Dufry and Flemingo Duty Free run arrivals duty free shops at BIA.

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