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To: Airlines operating international flights to Maldives

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Subject: Import restricted/prohibited items under Maldivian Law

1. This is to remind all airlines operating international scheduled or non-scheduled flights to/from the Republic of Maldives of the items which are import prohibited and/or restricted under Maldivian Law.
2. Alcoholic beverages, pork and their by products, dogs and dangerous animals, spear gun and certain types of chemicals will not be permitted to be carried into the country by passengers and/or crews unless they possess a valid permit or licence.
3. The following items are prohibited:
 - Materials contrary to Islam
 - Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
 - Gun powder and explosives,
 - Weapons, firearms and ammunitions
 - Pornographic materials
 - Idols for worship
 - Pigs
4. Restricted items brought in without prior permission will be confiscated or retained by Maldives Customs Service and certain items maybe returned to the passenger/crew who brought it in on his/her departure as determined by Maldives Customs Service.
5. Those items which are brought in without prior permission and which cannot be retained by Maldives Customs Service as determined by them will be subject to export on the same flight and on such occasions the passenger/crew who brought in the item maybe required to leave on the same flight as well.
6. Passengers/crews who are in possession of certain import prohibited items as determined by concerned authorities maybe subject to detention for investigation and/or jurisdiction.

7. Those passengers/crews found guilty of possession of narcotics shall be subject to strictest penal actions.
8. In the interest of better facilitation of passengers/crews all airlines operating international scheduled or non-scheduled flights are urged to disseminate this information to all passengers/crews through appropriate means.

Yours faithfully



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