

## **GEN 1.3 ENTRY, TRANSIT AND DEPARTURE OF PASSENGERS AND CREW**

### **1 Customs requirements**

1.1. Baggages or articles belonging to disembarking passengers and crew must be cleared at the airport of first landing in Zambia. Passengers and crew are required to make a declaration to the Customs Officer either verbally or if instructed to do so by an Officer to fill CE 06 (passengers baggage declaration form ) for all goods or articles in his possession or custody and form EC10 (.currency declaration form) if the passenger is in possession of USD 5,000.00 or its equivalent or more.

1.2. Passengers in direct transit through Zambia may not leave the Customs Area or Transit Lounge at any airport without permission from the Customs Officer and may be required to make verbal or written declaration at the discretion of the Customs Officer. Passengers proceeding to places abroad and those who have been given permission to leave the Transit Lounge or Customs Area, are required to clear through Customs before departure.

1.3. Arriving crew are required to clear through customs at the Airports of first landing in the same manner as passengers when:-

- a. The flight on which they are engaged is operated from outside Zambia;
- b. The aircraft is due to stop overnight in Zambia or;
- c. They are residents of Zambia even if the flight on which they are engaged is in direct transit through Zambia.

### **2 Immigration Requirements**

2.1. All arriving passengers must have at least six months validity on their passports from the date of entry. The passport must also have at least 3 full blank pages.

2.2. All travelers who are not Zambian citizens or residents and require visas to come to Zambia must hold a valid visa to enter Zambia. Depending on the nationalities, visas can be obtained on arrival at the port of entry, at the Zambian Missions Abroad or obtained prior to travelling to Zambia. Anyone, regardless of nationality is now able to apply for an e-Visa to Zambia.

2.3. All Diplomats accredited to Zambia coming on official business should be issued with Gratis Visas at Zambian Missions Abroad or Port of Entry. This includes those Diplomats coming to do business with their respective Embassies/High Commissions.

Diplomats not accredited to Zambia coming on official business should be issued with Gratis Visas at Zambian Missions Abroad or Port of Entry. Diplomats not accredited to Zambia coming on private business should obtain Visa in the normal way and pay the applicable visa fee.

2.4. All non-citizens and non-residents arriving in Zambia by air must be in possession of valid return air tickets. Those arriving by land and water must have enough funds for their stay in and departure from Zambia.

2.5. Flight crew members on scheduled flight are allowed a maximum of seven (07) days to remain within the nearest town to the airport without undergoing any immigration formalities. Further, crew members on scheduled flights who remain at the airport where the aircraft had stopped or within the confines of the city adjacent thereto, and departs on the same aircraft or on his next regular scheduled flight out of the Republic of Zambia, his crew member license or certificate is accepted in lieu of passport or visa for temporary admission into Zambia.

However, if the crew member wishes to visit any other town other than the nearest town, immigration formalities shall apply.

2.6. Transit Visas – in the case of Zambia, Transit Visas are issued to nationals who require visas to enter Zambia and are transiting through using land transport and shall be valid for a maximum period of seven (07) days. This implies that travelers transiting through Zambia by air directly, or those who remain within the precincts of the airport, will not have to appear before an Immigration Officer for immigration formalities.

For delayed flights which may cover over night stops, transit passengers may be issued with a report order by the Immigration Officer allowing them to lodge at a prescribed hotel and report back for departure out of Zambia.

However, every other person departing from Zambia, except in direct transit through Zambia by air, having left the precincts of the airport shall appear before an Immigration Officer for immigration formalities, including paying for visas for those requiring visas.

### **3 Public Health requirements**

3.1. Kenneth Kaunda, Harry Mwaanga Nkumbula, Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe and Mfuwe International Airport have been designated as sanitary Airports under the Public Health Act Statutory Instrument No. 13 of 1994 as a requirement under the revised World Health Organisation International Health Regulations (2005).

3.2. The same Statutory Instrument Identifies "Recognised stopping places " as Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe, Mfuwe, Lusaka and Chipata. The International Health Regulation (2005) to protect against ,control and provide public health response to the International spread of disease in ways that are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks, and which avoid unnecessary interference with International traffic and trade".

3.3. Where any person arriving in Zambia is found to be suffering from any infectious disease, and in the opinion of the Medical Officer under Public Health Act CAP 295 cannot be accommodated or cannot be nursed and treated so as to guard against the

spread of the disease or to promote recovery, the Medical Officer may order the removal of such person to a hospital or place of isolation for such period as may be necessary in the interests of the patient or to prevent spread of infection.

When it is considered necessary for the purpose of preventing the introduction of infectious disease into Zambia, the Medical Officer may :

- a. specified part thereof of any person, or of persons of any specified class or description, or from any specified locality or area;
- b. regulate, restrict or prohibit the introduction into Zambia at its borders or any specified part thereof of any animal, article or thing;
- c. impose requirements or conditions as regards the medical examination, detention, quarantine, disinfection, vaccination, isolation or medical surveillance or otherwise of persons entering Zambia, or the examination detention or disinfection or otherwise of any article or thing introduced into Zambia at its borders or any part thereof;
- d. apply with or without modifications any particular provisions of this part to persons, animals, articles or things entering or introduced into, departing or removed from Zambia by means of aircraft.

3.4. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any such notice shall be guilty of an offence.