

You can bring in Rs.15,000 more without filling forms

If you are coming back to India, you can now bring in up to Rs.25,000 in cash without declaring the same to the customs department. The limit is Rs.10,000 at present.

Wednesday's announcement, however, raised the number products under mandatory declaration in the customs form to include LCD, LED and Plasma televisions.

The duty free allowance on cigarettes, cigars and tobacco has also been reduced by 50%. The decision is expected to come into force by the end of this month.

Meanwhile, the notification said that passengers of Indian origin and foreigners of over 10 years of age residing in India and coming from any country other than China, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar can bring in goods worth Rs.45,000 along with them. Earlier, this limit was Rs.35,000.

Till now, the mandatory 'Indian Customs Declaration Form' had declarations for prohibited goods, gold jewellery and bullion (over free allowance), satellite phone and foreign currency notes exceeding \$5,000 .

As per the modified immigration and customs rules, an Indian citizen needs to fill up the immigration form only when he or she goes out of the country.

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