



IMPORT PROCESS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPLIES

under the Hurricane Dorian Exigency Order of September 2, 2019

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Individuals and businesses are eligible to import tax free goods under the Exigency Order under the following three conditions:

1. Imported goods fall under the approved list of items
2. The final destination of the imported goods is an approved island
3. Imported goods will be used for charitable purposes to support restoration activities directly related to Hurricane Dorian or by individuals who have directly suffered hardship or loss as a result of Hurricane Dorian

WHAT IS THE PROCESS

Eligible individuals or businesses must:

STEP 1 – Complete Exigency Order Form for “Approved Goods”

- Download forms at Customs, NEMA, DIR or Ministry of Finance website or request a copy in-person at Customs
- The person or entity in The Bahamas receiving the imported relief supplies should complete this form

STEP 2 – Complete Relevant Customs Declaration Form

- C-18 for Unaccompanied Goods (e.g. Goods arriving on a private aircraft or charter plane)
- C-17 Accompanied Goods (e.g. When travelling through baggage claim at the airport or on private vessel/pleasure craft)
- C-13 Air Cargo or Sea Cargo (e.g. Goods arriving through a shipping company, freight forwarder, courier: DHL, Zipx, Betty K, etc.)

STEP 3 – Present Documents to Customs at Port of Entry

- Customs will be responsible for reviewing and approving documents at the Port of Entry.

NEED HELP?

The Customs Department, Ministry of Finance, and Department of Inland Revenue have dedicated officers to support individuals and businesses importing tax free goods under the Exigency Order

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