



**FIJI REVENUE AND
CUSTOMS SERVICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVANCED CLEARANCE OF PERSONAL CONSIGNMENT

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) and the Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) wish to notify members of the public, Cargo Freight Stations (CFS), Shipping Agents, Cargo Agents, Freight Forwarders, Cargo Brokers, Consolidators, Traders and Customs House Agents that effective immediately, BAF and FRCS will be conducting advanced clearance on all personal consignment.

In light of the COVID-19 precautionary measures and security, FRCS and BAF have jointly implemented policies to strengthen enforcement whilst conducting personal consignment inspection on a safer platform. The above process is in line with section 10 of the Customs Act 1986 and section 32 of the BAF Act 2008 whereby both Border agencies are empowered to examine regulated imported article.

Introduction of Advanced Clearance will limit border agencies' interaction with the general public coming to the Customs Bonded Area/Biosecurity Approved Premises to clear their personal consignment hence, the sender must attach the packing list and declaration (Customs/BAF) with the consignment, this is to enable FRCS and BAF to swiftly assess the consignments while ensuring all goods are properly screened and examined before release. This may also result in the faster delivery of personal consignments to all importers.

BAF and FRCS wishes to assure all parties that due diligence will be taken and the process will be carried out in the presence of the authorized Cargo Agents. For these purposes, all CFS are now equipped with CCTV cameras which will be closely monitored. All examined goods will be properly repacked and secured for storage awaiting collection by the customer. All relevant BAF Fees and Chargers will be made through the approved CFS operators.

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