

**[POEA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 37 s. 1990,
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**CLARIFICATORY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SPECIAL
PRIVILEGE OF RETURNING OCWS**

In connection with the implementation of Memorandum Order No. 32-90 issued by the Bureau of Customs last 16 April 1990, the Administration deems it proper to inform the public, particularly our overseas contract workers and Filipino citizens living abroad, the effects thereof in connection with the privilege enjoined by balikbayans to bring home appliances and other items.

The customs order does not repeal any existing tariff and customs law/rulings relative to such privilege, but merely supplements. The so-called balikbayan boxes are only being regulated by virtue of said order, which limits their entry, quantity, value and frequency.

Enumerated hereunder are the requirements/limitations set forth:

1. *Requirement for Registration* — OCW who sends balikbayan boxes, shall register with the proper Philippine government official by executing an Affidavit in accordance with the prescribed format before an officer of the Philippine embassy/consulate nearest such sender's place of residence, business or employment.

2. Limitations fixed therein are as follows:

a. As to value US\$500.00

b. As to
 quantity/kind

b- Foodstuff such as 1 dozen of
1. canned goods, a kind
 grocery items,
 etc.

b- Wearing apparel, 1 dozen of
2. whether used or a kind
 new and clothing
 material not
 exceeding 3 yards
 per cut

b- Other household, 1 dozen of
3. personal effects, a kind