



NOTICE TO OWNERS/MASTERS OF OVERSEAS
YACHTS/SMALL CRAFTS CONDITIONS OF TEMPORARY ENTRY
INTO FIJI

Rot No:

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

1) Conditions of temporary entry under Code 228 (a), (b), and (c) of the Customs Tariff Act 1986:

Visiting yachts enter and are kept temporarily in Fiji without payment of customs dues provided:

- a. The yacht is on *bona fide* cruise or participating in a yacht race;
- b. The yacht is solely for personal use of the owner or master;
- c. The yacht shall remain in Fiji for a period not exceeding 18 months from its arrival provided the owner or master is still cruising;
- d. The owner or master shall retain his/her immigration status as a *bona fide* tourist whilst in Fiji; and
- e. The owner or master is permitted to travel in and out of Fiji to attend to essential services such as buying spares for the yacht, family commitments, etc whilst the yacht remains in Fiji for maximum period not exceeding 18 months. There is no extension.

2) Customs Ports:

You must report your yacht inwards at a Customs Port upon arrival in Fiji and must clear outwards at a Customs Port before leaving Fiji. The Customs Ports are **SUVA, LAUTOKA, SAVUSAVU** and **LEVUKA**. Furthermore, if you wish to visit another customs port or cruise within Fiji waters, you must clear outward coastal at the Customs Port where you had last entered your yacht inward (see **condition of cruising on 4 below**).

3) Clearance from Coconut Industry Development Authority (CIDA) and the Ministry of Fijian Affairs for cruise in Fiji:

If you wish to cruise in Fiji waters, in addition to the customs clearance you must also obtain a clearance at any port (whether a Customs Port or not) from the CIDA. Certain islands and places in Fiji are free of Rhinoceros Beetles and you may be proceeding from an infested area to an uninfested area.

With the exception of the Lau Group of islands, a written clearance must be obtained from the Ministry of Fijian Affairs if you intend to cruise to any of the

other islands. For any cruises to the Lau Group, a written clearance must be obtained from the Lau Provincial Council Office.

4) Condition of Cruising:

You must first report inward into a port of entry before cruising to any of its outer islands:

- a) For Lau Group, Kadavu, Beqa Is, Vatulele, Mouth of Navula Passage, approval to be sought from Suva Port
- b) For Mamanuca Group, Yasawa Group, Coastal to Rakiraki, approval to be sought from Lautoka Port.
- c) For Ovalau, Gau, Koro, Wakaya, with all surrounding islands and Lau Group, approval to be sought from Levuka Port
- d) For Taveuni, Laucala, Naitaba, Vanua Levu with all surrounding islands, and Lau Group, approval to be sought from Savusavu Port.
- e) After completing cruising to local destinations as declared on the outward coastal clearance report, yacht owner/master is required to report his/her yacht to the Customs Office/Officer at which outward coastal clearance was issued before they proceed to the next port

5) Liability to duty and/or forfeiture:

Your yacht will be liable to duty at full Tariff Rate and/or forfeiture if:

- a) It is in any way disposed of in Fiji (i.e. sold, abandoned¹ or given as gift);
- b) It is put to commercial use or for other consideration whilst in Fiji waters (i.e. taken for commercial charters, hired or leased cruises);
- c) The owner/master is associated with any entity in Fiji as an employee or employer either upon arrival or subsequently;
- d) You/The Owner enter(s) and reside(s) in Fiji either upon arrival or subsequently;
- e) The yacht is not exported permanently within 18 months of the date of the yacht's arrival in Fiji;
- f) Special approval will be given to owners who need medical attention or who need to purchase spare parts personally from overseas. For these reasons yacht owners will need to make a request in writing to the Customs at their port of location; (in such situations the yacht will not be subjected to duty).
- g) The owner/master of the yacht is a holder of a Fiji Immigration permit to enter and reside in Fiji either before arrival or subsequently.
- h) Local persons will not be permitted to bring in yachts under Code 228.

6) Arms and ammunition to be surrendered:

¹ Abandoned does not mean vacating the yacht for short intervals if the owner or master has to fly overseas.

On arrival all arms and ammunition must be declared and surrendered to the Customs Officer for safe keeping by Fiji Police. These may be timely arranged with the Police (48hrs at least) and collected before leaving Fiji.

7) Live animals, reptiles and birds, fresh meat, fruits and vegetables:

- a) No live animals, reptiles or birds of any kind; or
- b) Fresh meat, fruits and vegetables on board the yacht may be landed or taken ashore.
- c) Some restrictions on whether such goods will be permitted to remain on board at a Customs Port may be enforced by officers of the Department of Agriculture (Quarantine Inspection Division)

8) Currency:

The owner/master shall declare upon arrival any currency or negotiable bearer instruments with a combined value of FJD\$10,000 or more or its equivalent in foreign currency, in his or her possession or carried on board the yacht.

9) No Duty Free stores for yachts:

- a)** No high dutiable goods such as **liquor, beer, tobacco and cigarettes** or any other bonded or drawback goods may be shipped duty free as stores for yachts.
- b)** All adult crew members and adult passengers will be allowed the normal duty free passenger landing allowances upon arrival under Code 218 but any excess stores shall be subject to normal import duty or detention by Customs.

10) Signing Notices:

You will be required to sign a copy of this notice as proof that you understand and accept the above conditions as required of you at Code 228. Please ask the Customs Officer if you do not understand the Notice, as failure to comply with any of the conditions may render you liable to penalties under the Customs Laws.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. All crew members and passengers require entry permits from an Immigration officer before they disembark in Fiji, and this duty is also done by a Customs Officer on behalf of Immigration Dept. For all your Immigration requirements, a Customs Officer will facilitate you.
2. The owner/master of the yacht shall provide to the Customs Officer two copies of a manifest listing of all persons on board and will need to see every person, every such person's passport, and receive from all concerned a correctly completed passenger arrival card.

3. In addition the Customs Officer may require the production of onward tickets or security bonds from any person aboard.
4. Before leaving Fiji all such persons shall report to the Customs office with their passports for outward immigration clearance specifying their date, time and means of departure and next port of call and estimated time of arrival to next port.

Iowner/master
of the yacht:-
(Print name clearly)

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(Print name clearly)

hereby declare that:

- a) I understand and agree to comply with the conditions shown above.
- b) The yacht has been imported solely for my personal use for a period not exceeding 18months.
- c) I consider the value of the yacht to be F\$
- d) The particulars shown above are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Warning: It is a serious offence to make a false declaration. Penalties for false declaration are provided in the Customs, Agriculture & Quarantine and Immigration Laws.

Full Name:
(Print name clearly)

Signed:

Declared before me at this day of
..... 20.....
(year) (hour) (date) (month)

Full name: Signed/Stamped:
(Customs Officer)

Port.....

* "Value" shall be taken to mean the normal price the yacht would fetch on a sale in the open market between a buyer and a seller independent of each other. The "value" is not inclusive of the import duty component in Fiji.