7205: Procedures for Exporting Commercial Cargo as Accompanied Baggage or Unaccompanied Shipment

When commercial goods are exported from Japan either by a departing traveler acting as the exporter and carrying the goods as personal accompanied baggage, or when the goods have a separate owner and are entrusted to a departing traveler for export (hereinafter referred to as "unaccompanied/consigned goods"), the applicable customs clearance procedures differ depending on the total value and other factors of the goods being exported.

If the case falls under the categories listed below, customs clearance using the baggage clearance procedures (traveler's baggage declaration procedures) may be applied. If not, the goods must be cleared through the same procedures as general cargo.

The baggage clearance procedures for goods exported as accompanied baggage or as consigned goods are as follows:

1. Cases of Exporting as Accompanied Baggage

(Goods exported by a departing traveler as part of their personal baggage)

For commercial goods carried out by a traveler, provided that they do not require export permission or approval under the Export Trade Control Order (excluding those listed in Appended Table 6 of the said Order), baggage clearance procedures may be applied if the total value of all items is approximately 300,000 yen or less.

When applying baggage clearance procedures for such commercial goods, an oral declaration to Customs is required.

If issuance of an export permit is required, please prepare two copies of the "Export / Export Consigned Goods (Accompanied or Unaccompanied Baggage) Declaration Form" (C-5340), complete the necessary information, and submit them to Customs. Once export permission is granted, one copy will be returned to you as the permit.

When exporting commercial goods, please bring documents such as invoices that show:

- Description of goods
- Quantity
- Price, etc.

If the goods to be exported as accompanied baggage are to be checked in as airline baggage, please contact Customs and complete the necessary clearance procedures before check-in.

If the exported commercial goods are to be re-imported and the duty exemption under Article 14, Item 10 of the Customs Tariff Act is to be applied, you must present the export permit (C-5340) and invoices at the time of import declaration.

2. Cases of Exporting as Consigned (Entrusted) Goods

(Goods owned by a company or other party and entrusted to a departing traveler for export)

For commercial goods exported as consigned goods (limited to those not requiring export permission or approval under the Export Trade Control Order), baggage clearance procedures may be applied in the following cases:

- When the total value of the goods is approximately JPY 300,000 or less; or
- When the goods are free-of-charge samples or advertising materials with a total value of JPY 600,000 or less.

When applying baggage clearance procedures for such consigned commercial goods, please prepare two copies of the "Export / Export Consigned Goods (Accompanied or Unaccompanied Baggage) Declaration Form" (C-5340), complete the required information in advance, and submit them to Customs. If export permission is granted, one copy will be issued and returned as the export permit.

When exporting commercial goods, please bring documents (e.g., invoices) that indicate:

- Description of goods
- Quantity
- Value, etc.
- If the goods exported as consigned goods are to be checked in as airline baggage, please contact Customs and complete the clearance procedures before check-in.

For inquiries regarding customs procedures, please consult in advance with the Customs Counselor at the airport from which you plan to depart.

(Customs Act, Article 67; Customs Act Enforcement Order, Article 58; Customs Circulars 67-2-7 and 67-2-8)