



List of all penalty provisions for breaches of import, export, or transit formalities.

Section 550 of the Customs General Regulation meticulously outlines the procedural framework for imposing fines in cases of infractions against customs laws and regulations. Subsection (a) dictates that fines levied for contraventions of these laws shall be subject to a 50 percent increase over the amounts specified in subsection (d) for each repeated offense. Subsection (b) provides clarity on the definition of a repeated offense, stipulating that such occurrences are deemed to have transpired if the same offense is committed within a one-year period, as per the Gregorian calendar, commencing from the day of the initial fine. Moreover, subsection (c) mandates that services extended to implicated parties shall be suspended for a duration of six months if an offense is repeated three times within a single year, as per the calendar.

Subsection (d) delineates the precise fines applicable upon conviction for various transgressions against customs laws and regulations. These fines are as follows:

1. MVR 50,000 for destroying the seal on transit goods before it is cut by Customs or cutting the seal or destroying it in any way.
2. MVR 10,000 for a shipment that contains items not included in the agent manifest submitted for items brought by post or courier.
3. MVR 5,000 for entry into customs territories by persons, vehicles, and vehicles without customs permission.
4. MVR 25,000 for going to and from vehicles under customs control without customs permission.
5. MVR 35,000 for Boarding and unloading of goods before customs boards the vessel or inward clearance of a vessel arriving in the Maldives.
6. MVR 10,000 for vessels arriving in the Maldives from abroad not obtaining inward clearance from Customs within a maximum of 12 hours of arrival at the port.
7. MVR 25,000 for Vessels arriving in the Maldives from abroad without docking at a Maldivian port and providing notification to Customs.
8. a) MVR 5,000 for failure to appoint an agent within 48 (forty-eight) hours from the date of issuance of inward clearance for vessels arriving in the Maldives by sea without an agent except in circumstances mentioned in (b) of this Section.

b) MVR 5,000 for failure to appoint an agent within 72 (seventy-two) hours from the date of inward clearance for tourist vessels arriving by sea without an agent.



9. MVR 5,000 for failing to appoint an agent within a maximum of 48 hours of the dismissal of the agent.
10. MVR 25,000 for unauthorized docking alongside the main jetty, wharves (quay-wall), boats, barges, or similar locations before the issuance of Customs inward clearance.
11. MVR 50,000 for exiting Maldivian territory or disembarking from the Maldives without outward clearance from Customs.
12. MVR 30,000 for crafts arriving overseas that go unauthorized to places except Official Ports.
13. MVR 30,000 for crafts authorized to go to places other than Official Ports that go to places other than the authorized, load and unload and embark and disembark to and from the crafts unauthorized.
14. MVR 25,000 for crafts approaching to a craft authorized to go to places other than Official Ports and loading and unloading of anything or embarking and disembarking to and from such craft.
15. MVR 35,000 for refilling oil released for the crafts departing from Maldives, to crafts except the crafts traveling overseas, or releasing it to be used within Maldives.
16. MVR 35,000 for crafts refilled with bunker oil refilling any other crafts with that oil or releasing it to be used in Maldives.
17. MVR 35,000 for crafts carrying tourist that are permitted to leave for repair and maintenance.
18. MVR 15,000 for unloading the items in the Crew Declarations of the ships arriving Maldives by sea to a places other than Official Ports.
19. MVR 20,000 for not being cautious to the information and documents of the parties served by the Customs mediators or sharing similar information and documents with other party without the permission of the owners of the goods.
20. MVR 20,000 (twenty thousand) for revealing a confidential document or information determined by the Customs or abetting similar act.
21. MVR 30,000 (thirty thousand) for agents attempting to falsify, on purpose, in transactions with the Customs.
22. MVR 30,000 (thirty thousand) for agents recommending parties served by Customs to falsify, on purpose, in transactions with the Customs
23. MVR 10,000 (ten thousand) for agents doing anything that interferes with the relationship between the Customs and the parties served by the Customs.
24. MVR 500 (five hundred) for embarking and disembarking to and from crafts without the Pass issued by the Customs.



25. MVR 10,000 (ten thousand) for embarking a craft by using a Pass issued to someone else.
26. MVR 10,000 (ten thousand) for agents embarking and disembarking to and from crafts by using the Pass, except those crafts under the person's agency.
27. MVR 5,000 (five thousand) for an employee of duty-free shop who buys or smuggles in or attempting to smuggle in goods from the duty-free shop.
28. MVR 5,000 (five thousand) for selling items from duty-free shop to any person other than passengers and crews embarking and disembarking to and from Maldives.

Under subsection (e), upon the completion of the investigation, the following unlawful acts may be forwarded to the Prosecutor General's Office for the purpose of filing a lawsuit in court:

1. Selling or giving goods released for ship's store to another craft or person other than the destined craft or crew of the destined craft.
2. Port operators permitting the removal of import or export goods from the Customs territory before releasing the goods from Customs control or without Customs approval.
3. Port operators damaging import and export goods to and from the Maldives.
4. Falsifying documents related to goods brought to the Maldives as transshipment when exporting the goods to other countries by labeling Maldives as the country of origin in goods made in countries other than the Maldives or falsifying the information of the sender and recipient of the goods.
5. Permitting a person, craft, and vehicles to enter and exit the Customs territory and the Customs territories in Official Ports without the approval of Customs.
6. Loading and unloading goods on crafts under Customs control without Customs approval.
7. Loading and unloading goods on crafts arriving in the Maldives before Customs officers have boarded the craft.
8. Bouncing of a cheque issued to Customs for any reason.
9. Not showing, disposing, or damaging any document related to transactions with Customs that must be kept and maintained.
10. Taking liquor, pork, and pork products released from the Bonded Warehouse to places other than the destined resorts or to permit holders.



11. Illegally giving or selling liquor, pork, and pork products released from the Bonded Warehouse to parties other than the destined resorts and permit holders.
12. Illegally giving or selling liquor, pork, and pork products by the Bonded Warehouse operator or by their designated staff authorized to enter and exit that area.
13. Refusing to show any crafts, part of the craft, item, person, or document in the craft upon the request of Customs for Customs purposes during the examination of the crafts.
14. Refusing to show a good or documents requested by Customs for Customs purposes during the examination of persons and goods.
15. Smuggling goods to and from the Maldives.
16. Importing and exporting goods to and from the Maldives contrary to the Laws and regulations.
17. Falsifying and fabricating documents submitted to Customs.
18. Refusing to share information with Customs that is available to a third party upon the request of Customs in writing.
19. Seeking reward money unlawfully or by providing false or incorrect information, and giving and attempting to give reward money to employees who did not participate or involve in the cases.

Under subsection (g), this section does not limit the authority of Customs to take action pursuant to the Customs Act of the Maldives in cases contrary to Customs law and regulations but not stated in this section.