

## **The requirements of phytosanitary control, customs control and the rules of bringing oversized cargo into the territory of the Russian Federation.**

### **1. Customs control.**

#### **Goods transported in unaccompanied baggage (cargo).**

Regarding foreign goods, imported into the territory of the Russian Federation for the purpose of organization and delivery of the Winter Universiade 2019, a special customs procedure (hereinafter referred to as SCP) will be applied.

The above mentioned procedure grants the participants and organizers of the Winter Universiade 2019 a number of benefits and advantages, such as exemption from paying customs duties and taxes, without applying non-tariff regulations, bans and restrictions.

SCP can be used only by those organisations which provided the Russian customs authorities with all the necessary documents and information. All the above stated data shall be collected, processed and given to the Russian customs authorities by the authorized representative, the Directorate of the Winter Universiade 2019.

After the organization is included into the list of the bodies entrusted with importing goods under SCP, it will be sent a notification.

All the necessary forms of the documents and instructions will be available in advance on the official Winter Universiade 2019 website in November 2018.

Organisation of customs clearance of goods and full information support will be provided by the customs representatives of the Directorate.

#### **The following goods will be subject to SCP:**

- 1) Sports gear and equipment;
- 2) Medicines, special sports nutrition, food supplements and biologically active additives;
- 3) Goods for doping control;
- 4) Other items and goods used for the organisation and delivery of the sports competitions and events (awarding attributes, goods which are to be used during the opening and closing ceremonies)

#### **The following goods will not be subject to SCP:**

- 1) Construction, decorative and finishing materials;
- 2) Drugs, hazardous waste and poisonous substances and materials;
- 3) Weapons and ammunition (excluding sports rifles and rounds for them)
- 4) Excisable goods.

The above items have no relevance to the Winter Universiade 2019, and in case they are imported into the territory of Russia, they will be subject to the payment of customs duties and will require observance of specific procedures and obtaining of special permits and approvals.

### **Goods transported in accompanied baggage**

You can bring into Russia your personal belongings, electronics and other items for personal use, packed in your baggage.

But a number of goods transported across the border must be declared in written form. If your baggage contains such goods or items, you must choose the red corridor for getting through the customs control. The declared goods should be stated for transportation in written form, and a corresponding declaration should be handed over to the customs officer.

### **It is permitted to import the following items and goods that are to be declared:**

- 1) Imported money or its equivalents (travel cheques, paper securities issued in documentary form), exceeding a total of 10,000 dollars;
- 2) Precious metals and stones, cultural values;
- 3) Imported goods, if their customs value exceeds 10,000 euros and (or) their total weight is over 50 kg;
- 4) Alcoholic beverages in the amount exceeding 3 litres;
- 5) Animals. A veterinary certificate is required;
- 6) Tobacco and tobacco goods in the amount exceeding 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes, 0.25 tobacco;
- 7) A vehicle;
- 8) Other items and goods.

### **It's prohibited to import the following items and goods or a special permit is required:**

- 1) More than 5 litres of alcohol;
- 2) Over 5 kg of animal-based food;
- 3) Over 5 kg of plant-based food;
- 4) Drugs;
- 5) Weapons or ammunition;
- 6) Strong medicines;
- 7) Poisonous and explosive materials and substances;
- 8) Rare animals and goods produced from them;

9) Special high-frequency electronic equipment.

If you have any questions concerning the necessity of declaring some goods, or you need assistance in filling in a passenger declaration, you are kindly asked to consult the Directorate representatives.

## **2. Requirements of phytosanitary control.**

Major part of prepared foods (both of plant-based and of animal-based origin) can be imported into Russia without getting any special permits, in case their amount is reasonable (not more than 5 kg), they are intended for personal use and their original packaging is intact.

However, some foods are subject to safety regulations in the sphere of veterinary and phytosanitary control, as well as sanitary and epidemiological requirements.

**We do not recommend importing foods and products of the following categories:**

- Raw meat and meat products, raw fish and fish products; (they must be entered into a special register and must have a veterinary certificate and a permit from Rosstekhoznadzor).

- Raw fruit and vegetables, unroasted coffee, nuts, flour, corn, etc. (these require a phytosanitary certificate issued by an authorized authority of an exporting (re-exporting) country);

The full list of foods and products not recommended for import will be available in advance on the official Winter Universiade 2019 website in November 2018.

These foods, apart from requiring specific permits, can be imported into Russia only through the established border check points.

We would also like to point out that existing restrictions and sanctions for the import of food products from certain countries shall be taken into account while planning your food supply. For example, as of May 2018, such restrictions exist for importing a number of food products from the European Union, the USA, Australia, and some other countries (chees, meat and sausage products, dairy products, vegetables, fruit).

### 3. Rules for transportation of oversized baggage

As a participant of the Winter Universiade 2019 competitions, your baggage and sports equipment may be defined as oversized, heavy-weight or non-standard.

**Oversized baggage** is a piece of baggage or the whole baggage that exceeds the free-of-charge size norm allowed by your airline. Usually it is over 160 cm in total summing the length, width and height. In some airlines an oversized baggage is over 203 cm. If your baggage exceeds the size norms of your airline, you are most likely to pay for its transportation.

**Overweight baggage** is a piece of baggage or the whole baggage of the passenger (depending on the airline) exceeds the free-of-charge norm of weight allowed by the airline. Usually, that is one piece of baggage of 20 - 23 kg in economy class and two pieces of baggage of 30 - 32 kg each in business class. If your baggage exceeds the weight allowed by your airline, you will have to pay for the overweight.

**Non-standard baggage** is sports equipment, musical instruments and other baggage for which special conditions of transportation are required. The airline specifies the maximum weight, size and contents of one piece of baggage. There is a fixed payment for some types of baggage.

In order to avoid problems while flying from your country to Russia and further to the place where the competitions will be held, be sure to take into account and stick to the following instructions:

**1. Try to find out in advance the necessary baggage transportation conditions of your airline.** *Read the conditions in the Help Section of the official web site or contact the call centre of the airline.*

**2. Determine the weight, size and number of pieces of your baggage.** *Thus you will know beforehand, whether you will need to pay for the extra weight.*

**3. If you need to pay extra money for your baggage, you are advised to do that in advance.** *If it is possible, do it while buying the ticket, or arrive at the airport earlier to get through all the necessary formalities before your flight.*

**4. Remember, that if you have connecting (transfer) flights, non-standard baggage is paid for separately for each flight.**

**5. Notify your airline of your non-standard baggage.** *According to the rules of most airlines, they need to be notified about sports equipment or other non-standard baggage transportation not later than 24 - 48 hours before the departure.*

*Otherwise there is a risk that the baggage will not be allowed on board, or will be sent by another flight, because the plane will not have enough space for it.*

**6. Pack your baggage according to the rules of your airline.**

**7. Place and pack your equipment so that it will not be broken.**

**8. When you are at the airport, proceed to the check-in desk with your baggage.** *You and your baggage will be checked in, and a boarding pass will be given to you there. The oversized baggage shall be taken to a special desk.*

**9. If your belongings are heavier and bigger in size than the airline allows even after extra payment, they can be sent to your destination as unaccompanied baggage, in case you have the consent of the airline.** *Your belongings will be received by the cargo service of the airline (which is normally situated in the cargo terminal), you will be given a corresponding airway bill which you will use later at the airport of arrival to get your belongings. Passenger customs declarations should be filled in before the departure and after the arrival, and you should go through the customs.*

\*you can get familiar with the rules of transportation of baggage for "Aeroflot" flights, as well as applied for the codeshare flights of "Aeroflot", in Appendix 1.

## Appendix 1

<https://www.aeroflot.ru/gb-en/information/preparation/luggage>

### Section/ Nonstandard baggage

#### Rules of transporting non-standard baggage by the "Aeroflot" airlines

If you are travelling with overweight or oversized baggage (where a single piece weighs between 32 and 50 kg and/or the sum of its three dimensions exceeds 203 cm) you must approve its transportation with the airline at least 36 hours before the scheduled flight departure time.

#### 1. Ski Equipment, Hockey Equipment, Bicycles, Golf Equipment, Fishing Equipment

*The following items are regarded as one piece of baggage and are included in the free baggage allowance:*

Skiing equipment	a bag with 1 pair of skis and 1 pair of ski poles + 1 baggage piece with 1 pair of boots 1 case with 1 pair of water skis
Snowboarding equipment	a snowboard (one bag) + 1 pair of boots (even if it's a separate baggage piece)
Hockey equipment	hockey gear bag + a bag with 2 hockey sticks
A bicycle	a bicycle correctly prepared for air travel
Golf equipment	golf equipment packed in a single bag
Fishing equipment (packed in a single container or bag)	2 fishing rods 1 set of fishing tackle

*\* The appropriate baggage fees will be applied if the passenger's total number of baggage pieces exceeds the number specified on the ticket, or if the equipment weight exceeds the limit set for one piece of baggage under the free baggage allowance.*

## **2. Other sports equipment**

Treated as 1 baggage piece and included in the free baggage allowance. The appropriate baggage fees will be applied if the passenger's total number of baggage pieces exceeds the number specified on the ticket, or if the weight and/or dimensions of the equipment exceed the limit set for one baggage piece under the free baggage allowance.

## **3. Weapons and ammunition**

One piece of baggage containing a single weapon (or one container specially designed for carrying weapons with several weapons belonging to one passenger), plus one piece of baggage with ammunition. It is not treated as a separate piece of baggage provided that its weight, together with any other baggage carried by the same passenger, does not exceed the established allowance. Otherwise, weapons and ammunition are treated as one piece of baggage included in the free baggage allowance. Additional payment is required if the weight of the baggage including weapons and ammunition, treated as a single baggage piece, exceeds the established allowance for one piece of baggage, and also if the total number of the passenger's pieces of baggage (including the baggage with weapons and ammunition added to it, treated as a single piece) exceeds the allowance specified on the ticket. The maximum gross weight of ammunition is 5 kg and weapons and ammunition may not be carried in the same baggage piece (container). Its transport must be approved by the airline at least 36 hours before the scheduled flight departure time.

## **4. Baggage transported in a passenger seat**

Any baggage that requires special travel conditions (e.g. valuable, brittle, fragile, or breakable objects) can be carried in a passenger seat in the following cases: the passenger has agreed this service with the airline at least 36 hours before the departure time; the baggage has undergone a technical inspection as part of security screening.

The weight of such baggage shall not exceed 80 kg, and its dimensions shall not exceed 135x50x30 cm. The passenger must pay for an additional seat ticket based on the adult passenger fare, with the same fees charged. Payment for excess baggage will not apply in this case. The free baggage allowance does not apply to the passenger seat ticket purchased to transport baggage.

Baggage transported in the aircraft cabin must be packed so as to prevent any damage to cabin equipment during the flight. The baggage shall be placed in a window passenger seat and secured with a safety belt.

Baggage to be transported in the cabin shall be delivered to the aircraft, lifted, placed in the cabin, removed and transported from the aircraft by the passenger transporting such baggage.

Baggage that requires special travel conditions and is carried in the cabin does not need to be checked. Responsibility for its safety and integrity lies with the passenger.

## **5. Musical instruments**

Musical instruments may be carried either in the hold or in the cabin.

Musical instruments may be carried in the cabin as carry-on items in accordance with special conditions.

When transporting a musical instrument in the cabin (except for guitars) whose total dimensions exceed 135 cm but do not exceed 135x50x30 cm, the passenger seat baggage transport rules apply.

Musical instruments whose dimensions exceed the allowed dimensions for baggage to be carried in a passenger seat (and, should the passenger wish, instruments of smaller dimensions), are carried based on the general rules of carriage for free and excess checked baggage in the hold of the aircraft, to ensure their safety during transportation.

Carriage must be agreed with the airline at least 36 hours before the flight's scheduled departure.

## **6. Wheelchairs, prams and guide dogs**



Are carried free of charge if used by the passenger. Carriage of oversized battery-powered wheelchairs weighing more than 32 kg must be agreed with the airline at least 36 hours before the scheduled flight departure.

In addition to a standard wheelchair, the passenger may also carry a special-purpose wheelchair free of charge.