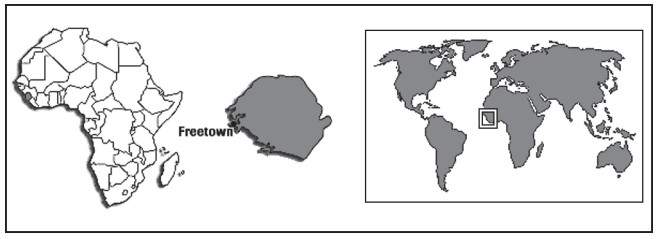
Sierra Leone (SL)

Amounts shown are expressed in Leone (SLL)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Freetown (FNA)
- Local Time : GMT
- Daylight Saving Time : Sierra Leone does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 232
- Local Currency : Leone (SLL)
- Bank Information : Open on Saturdays between 08.00 and 14.30 hrs., closed on Sundays.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
27 Apr 2015
18 Jul 2015
23 Sep 2015
25 Dec 2015
26 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Freetown - FNA**
  Tel.: +232 33 363 171 (Airport Authority GM)
  +232 33 433 771 (Airport Authority- Operations)
  +232 76 605 903 (Customs Head)
  +232 76 630 004 (Customs Operations)
  +232 33 340 158 (Customs ASYCUDA++)
  +232 78 588 582 (Cargo Section Head)
  +232 76 603 725 (Cargo Payment Receivable)
  +232 78 990 947 (GHA Manager)
  +232 78 990 948 (GHA General Manager)
  Website: www.lungi-int-airport.com
  www@shp.sl (GHA)
  Telex: 3691 SAA

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.2. Storage
At Customs Warehouse at the airport. Time limit 60 days. Thereafter goods are gazetted as liable for auction and transferred to Queens Warehouse in town.
Cold storage: Available at new cargo terminal.
Safe for valuables: Available at new cargo terminal.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by consignee or his broker.
Valuable and perishable shipments can be cleared on the same day but customs must be notified at least 5 days to prior to arrival.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. and 14.00 - 16.30 hrs. Saturday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. Clearance outside customs hours possible for urgent goods but prior arrangement must be made with customs and GHA as they are reluctant due to lack of staff.

1.2.5. Delivery
Possible via various clearing agents.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible via various clearing agents.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.2. Marking
Each package must show country of origin and airport of destination.

2.1.3. Routing
It is not recommended to send perishables or other urgent goods with inland destination because:
a. Customs clearance is very complicated;
b. No cooling facility is available.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
English.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 4 Combined Certificates of Value and Origin in English bearing the supplier's letterhead and his seal or stamp against his signature or that of his representative. In case of occasional shipment, when overprinting of the letterhead is prohibitive, the combined certificate must be accompanied with the supplier's own invoice duly signed against his seal or stamp, and containing the certification: "We hereby declare that this commercial invoice is in support of the attached certified invoice No..... and that the particulars shown on the certified invoice are true and correct in every detail".
- Import Licence for goods from Dollar zone and certain goods from U.K. Applications for such form must be accompanied with a Certificate of Origin in the form approved by the Commissioner of the National Revenue Authority.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Without commercial value: are exempt from Import Licence.
Documents are required.
With commercial value: See 2.2.1.
When re-exported within 6 months, duties will be refunded.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals
Import authorization from Veterinary Dept.
Dogs: Additional Health and Rabies Inoculation Certificate in English.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Import authorization from Agricultural Dept.
Prohibited: Aniseed and Indian hemp.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Only with special Import Licence and Police Permit.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Import Licence from Director of Medical services.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Import Licence from Director of Medical services.

2.4. Prohibitions
Obscene photographs; shaving brushes from Japan; traps for night hunting; aniseed; Indian hemp.

2.5. Charges

2.5.6. Storage

First 7 working days		free
After 7 days (excluding Sundays & Public holidays) per kg., per day + 15% GST (Goods and Services Tax)	USD	2.00

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