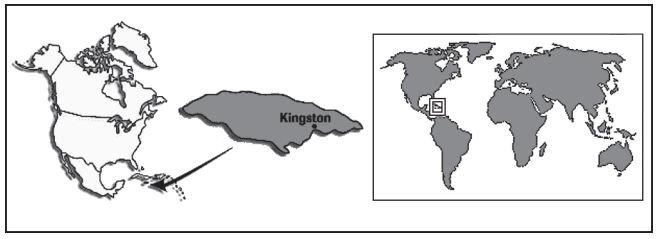
Jamaica (JM)

Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Kingston (KIN)
- Local Time : GMT - 5
- Daylight Saving Time : Jamaica does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 1
- Local Currency : Jamaican Dollar (JMD)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
18 Feb 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
25 May 2015
01 Aug 2015
06 Aug 2015
19 Oct 2015
25 Dec 2015
26 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999) only

  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

- **Kingston - KIN**
  Norman Manley International Airport
  Tel.: +1 876 924 8715 (Customs)
  +1 876 932 7170 / 7173 (Customs)
  Fax: +1 876 924 8715 (Customs)
  Website: www.jacustoms.gov.jm
- **Montego Bay - MBJ**
  Sangster International Airport
  Tel.: +1 876 952 2537 (Customs)
  +1 876 971 5227 (Customs)
  Fax: +1 876 971 9766 (Customs)
  Website: www.jacustoms.gov.jm

1.2. Airport Facilities
Kingston
1.2.2. Storage
If not cleared within 14 days after arrival, goods are stored in Customs Warehouse at Airport up to 3 months and thereafter sold by auction.
Cold storage: Available.
Safes for valuables: Available.
1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by consignee or his broker.
Personal effects or commercial goods with a value in excess of USD 5,000.00 cannot be cleared by an importer without employing the services of a licensed Customs Broker.
1.2.4. Customs hours
Kingston - KIN
Monday through Thursday 08.30 - 15.30 hrs. Friday 08.30 - 15.00 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible by special arrangement.
Montego Bay - MBJ
Monday through Thursday 09.00 - 16.00 hrs. Friday 09.00 - 15.00 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible by special arrangement.
1.2.5. Delivery
Not available.
1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible to Montego Bay under bond by air. Local Customs charges apply.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.2. Marking
Non-British goods bearing marks suggestive of British make, must show a counter indication of the true country of origin.
2.1.4. Language on Documents
English.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 3 Combined Certificates of Value and Origin and Invoice of Goods. (Form C-23 or C-23 A)
- Import Licence from Trade Control Board, Kingston, required for: very few goods, regardless of countries of origin. Personal effects imported as unaccompanied baggage and in several other cases.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
See 2.2.1.
- Without commercial value: free of import duties.
- With commercial value: normal import duties or deposit in bond, refundable upon re-exportation within 6 months.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.1.
No Import Licence required for bona fide gifts with a CIF value of less than USD 10.00.
2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Personal Baggage Declaration must be completed on arrival.
A detailed packing list must accompany shipment.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
- Import Permit from the Director of Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture, prior to import.
- Veterinary Health Certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the exporting country must accompany shipment.

All Live animals and birds must be declared.

Quarantine inspections.
Birds: All live birds must come as cargo and not as checked luggage.
Cats and Dogs: Import permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, Jamaica. Health certificate issued by competent authority in exporting country.
Cats and dogs may be imported only from the UK and the Republic of Ireland and must be flown direct from the UK and not allowed to have contact with any other dogs and cats from any country other than the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Cats and dogs may be sent to Jamaica as checked baggage.
Dogs require vaccination against canine parvovirus enteritis within 6 months of export and last vaccination must be at least 3 weeks old before date of shipment. Dogs and cats will undergo at least 14 days quarantine.
48 hours notice of arrival is required and Cats and Dogs can only be landed at Kingston.
Baby chicks, cattle (bovines), goats, rabbits, swine: Only from UK, Ireland, Canada or USA provided no transit en route. Minimum quarantine period is 14 days. There is no quarantine requirement for baby chicks. At least 48 hours advance notice of arrival to Jamaican Veterinary Services Division, Ministry of Agriculture is required.

Prohibited: all live animals unaccompanied by Import Permit issued by the Director of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica and a Health Certificate from the exporting country.
Animals and animal products must meet all requirements as specified by the Import Permit.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate. Import Permit from Director of Agriculture.
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables: Only from U.K., Ireland, Canada, New Zealand or USA and provided consignee holds Agriculture Permit and Notice of Importation. Health Certificate must show a statement from Government Authority of the country of origin that the produce is clean and free from disease and pests and soil.
Plants and plant material must meet all requirements specified by the Import Permit.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Government Permit.
2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
- Drugs: Import permit from Pharmaceutical Services Division of the Ministry of Health.
- Narcotics: Permit from Ministry of Health.

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2.3.6. Human remains

1. Not cremated: 2 Death Certificates. Certificate stating that the body is embalmed and the coffin is hermetically sealed.
   To obtain Medical Officer's prior approval to remove from aircraft, the arrival must previously be advised.
2. Cremated remains may be sent as cargo or carried by a passenger, subject to airline regulations.
   An import permit is required. Importer must include a certified copy of the death certificate and the cremation certificate.
   Application must be made to the Ministry of Health, Senior Medical Officer of Health, 5 Marescaux Road, Kingston 5.
   There is a fee for this service.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines

- Antibiotics: Import Permit from Antibiotics Control Board.
- Medicaments: The formula or composition must be plainly printed in English, French or Spanish on the container. Indication of the ingredients and the quantity of each ingredient contained in the preparation obligatory.
  Prior permit from Ministry of Health Kingston.
- Vaccines: Permit from Ministry of Health.

2.3.15. Others

Poisons: Import permit from Pharmaceutical Services Division of the Ministry of Health.

2.4. Prohibitions

Beehives, beeswax, honey; agriculture implements (used); obscene prints and literature; rum (except British).
Equipment and appliances containing or using CFCs, such as refrigerants, household or office air conditioning units, foam products, aerosol sprays and halon-based fire-fighting equipment.
See also 2.3.2.

2.5. Charges

2.5.5. Transhipment

Kingston, Montego Bay

For consignments with inland destination,
per consignment ..... JAD 1200.00

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.4. Prohibitions

Live animals and live plants.

3.5. Charges

3.5.5. Transhipment

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Per consignment ..... JAD 1000.00

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