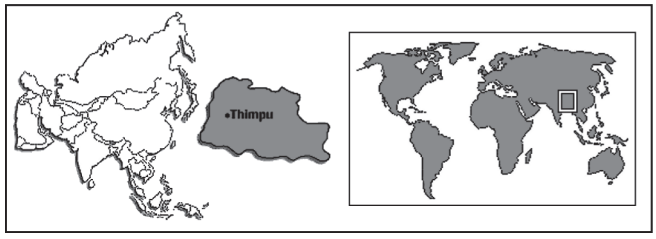
Bhutan (BT)
Amounts shown are expressed in Ngultrum (BTN)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 3
- Capital : Thimphu
- Local Time : GMT + 6
- Daylight Saving Time : Bhutan does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 975
- Local Currency : Ngultrum (BTN)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
21 Jan 2015
19 Feb 2015
20 Feb 2015
21 Feb 2015
22 Feb 2015
28 Apr 2015
02 May 2015
02 Jun 2015
10 Jul 2015
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19 Sep 2015
23 Sep 2015
13 Oct 2015
01 Nov 2015
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17 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:

  "Not party to any Convention"

  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
Paro - PBH.

1.2. Airport Facilities
1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Manually.
1.2.2. Storage
Storage is available for normal cargo and unaccompanied baggage at the airport cargo terminal warehouse. No other storage facilities prevail and therefore, any shipments that fall under DGR, LAR, VAL should be well informed in advance in order to provide immediate delivery (PBH should be informed at least 24 hrs. prior to arrival of goods).
Safe for valuables: Not available.
Cold storage: Not available.
1.2.3. Clearance
Acceptable only by the concerned consignee or his/her authorised agent from the Airport Cargo House.
Time Limit:
Goods not cleared from the Cargo House within three months from its date of arrival shall be disposed off through public auction. Live animals, perishable, hazardous and dangerous goods shall be disposed off at any time.
1.2.4. Customs hours
Customs facilities are available Monday through Friday
09.00 - 17.00 hrs. in summer and from 09.00 - 16.00 hrs. in winter.
Closed on Saturday and Sunday including public holidays.
1.2.5. Delivery
Possible by road and by air.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
No special packing requirements: IATA Rules and Recommendations apply.
2.1.2. Marking
and weight/size limitations
All packages should be marked clearly with the address of both the consignee and the shipper, number of pieces, weight and the Air Waybill number. The maximum dimension of the package that will fit into the aircraft cargo hold is 171.5 × 140 × 115.2 cms. (L × B × H). Also the weight of each individual package should be less than 80 kg., because loading and unloading is done manually.
2.1.4. Language on documents
English.
2.1.5. Other requirements
Full names and addresses of consignee must be legible and durable on the wrapper of each component part of the shipments.
Full name and addresses of consignee indicated on the AWB.

2.2. Documentary Requirements
2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- Commercial invoice.
- Packing lists.
- Certificate of origin.
- Insurance policy.
- AWB copy.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Section 2.1.2. is applicable, and duty will be levied.
2.2.3. Gift consignments
Section 2.1.2. is applicable, and duty will be levied.
Certificate of gift is required.
2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Any unaccompanied baggage and cargo transported by air does not require import licence. However, it should be accompanied by a packing list, invoice and the AWB.

2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
and animal products.
Must be accompanied by a Health Certificate issued by the veterinary authorities in the country of departure/origin, stating that there is not sign of infections or communicable disease.
Dogs and pets must be accompanied by a Health Certificate from a Government Veterinary Doctor in the country of origin.
Any import of wild life and their products will require prior permission from the Ministry of Agriculture.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Plants, fruits, seeds and cut flowers :Special permission required from the Director of Plant Protection from the Ministry of Agriculture.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives and explosive devices.
- Arms and ammunition:
  Import permit is required from the Royal Bhutan Police Headquarters.
- Explosives and explosive devices:
  Special permission is required from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2.3.6. Human remains
Must be accompanied by a Medical Certificate (4 copies), stating full particulars of the deceased and certifying cause of death.
2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Permission from the Ministry of Health is required.
2.3.10. Meat and meat products
Import permit is required from the Ministry of Agriculture.
2.3.15. Others
- Wireless and remote sensing telecommunication and broadcasting equipment:
  Permission from the Ministry of Communication is required.
- Gold/Silver
  Gold exceeding 50 grams and silver exceeding 1kg. requires permission from the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan.
- Chemicals
  Chemicals of certain nature that are environmentally unfriendly require permission from the National Environment Commission.
- Any other goods which are restricted by any other laws in force.

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2.4. Prohibitions

- Narcotics and psychotropic drugs and substances.
- Pornographic materials.
- Tobacco
  Note:
  Passengers may bring along one carton (200 cigarettes) for self consumption against payment of tax (200%).
- Any other goods which are prohibited by any other laws or international conventions or treaties to which Bhutan is a signatory.

2.5. Charges

2.5.2. Handling

Fee for the import of consignments will be charged after the free period of 1 day after arrival of the goods.

Charge per kg		2.00
Charges collect fee (of weight and valuation charges)		5%
Minimum charge	USD	10.00

2.5.6. Storage

First 15 days from day of arrival	free
Thereafter, for next 30 days, per kg., per day	5.00
Thereafter, for next 60 days, per kg., per day	10.00
Thereafter, for next 90 days, per kg., per day	15.00

If goods are not cleared within 90 days from the date of arrival, the customs office in Bhutan can dispose of the goods through public auction.

2.5.9. Taxes and duties

Customs duty and Bhutan Sales tax are levied on CIF value.
Temporary import:
Import of goods not exceeding three months from the date of import is free of duty/taxes (such goods shall be carried out of the country).

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General

All transit shipments must be accompanied by an AWB.

3.5. Charges

3.5.5. Transhipment

Transhipment charges, per consignment	20.00

4. Export

4.1. General

Exports goods are routed through the Cargo House.

4.1.1. Packing

All shipments must be properly marked.

4.1.2. Marking

See 2.1.2.

4.2. Documentary Requirements

- Export licence.
- Commercial invoice.
- Certificate of origin.
- Packing lists.
- Customs Clearance Export Permit, Export bill and list of entry etc.
- Unaccompanied baggage: list of contents. Keys to be attached to the AWB.

4.4. Prohibitions

- Animals and plants as classified as endangered species and their parts and products.
- Antiques and art treasures.
- Narcotic and psychotropic drugs and substances.
- Any other goods which are prohibited by any other laws in force.
- Narcotics and drugs.

4.5. Charges

4.5.2. Handling

For every consignee, handling fee per kg		2.00

4.5.4. Documentation

AWB fee	USD	4.00

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