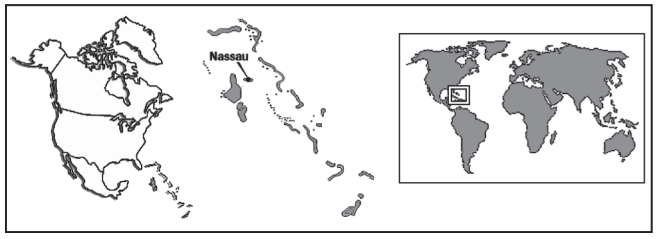
Bahamas (BS)

Amounts shown are expressed in Bahamian Dollar (BSD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 1
- Capital : Nassau (NAS)
- Local Time : GMT - 5
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT - 4: Starts on the 2nd Sunday in March and ends on the 1st Sunday in November.
- ☎ Country Code : + 1
- Local Currency : Bahamian Dollar (BSD)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
10 Jan 2015
03 Apr 2015
06 Apr 2015
25 May 2015
05 Jun 2015
10 Jul 2015
03 Aug 2015
12 Oct 2015
25 Dec 2015
26 Dec 2015
28 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)

  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

- **Andros Town - ASD**
  Tel.: +1 242 368-2030 (Customs)
- **Bimini - BIM**
  Tel.: +1 242 347-3101 (Customs)
- **Chub Cay - CCZ**
  Tel.: +1 242 359-9020 (Customs)
- **Congo Town (South Andros) - TZN**
  Tel.: +1 242 369-2640 (Customs)
- **Fresh Creek**
  Same as Andros Town
- **Freeport - FPO**
  Tel.: +1 242 352-7367 (Customs)
  Fax: +1 242 351-4339 (Customs)
- **Georgetown - GGT**
  Tel.: +1 242 345-0071 (Customs)
- **Governor's Harbour - GHB**
  Tel.: +1 242 332-2341 (Customs)
- **Great Harbour Cay - GHC**
  Tel.: +1 242 367-8566 (Customs)
- **Great Inagua - IGA**
  Tel.: +1 242 339-1254 or 1883 (Customs)
- **Marsh Harbour - MHH**
  Tel.: +1 242 367-2026 (Customs)
- **Mastic Point (San Andros) - SAQ**
  Tel.: +1 242 329-2140 (Customs)
- **Nassau - NAS**
  Tel.: +1 242 377-7755 (Customs)
  Fax: +1 242 377-2376 (Customs)
- **New Bight - TBI**
  Tel.: +1 242 342-2016 (Customs)
- **North Eleuthera - ELH**
  Tel.: +1 242 335-1068 (Customs)
- **Rock Sound - RSD**
  Tel.: +1 242 334-2112 (Customs)
- **San Salvador - ZSA**
  Tel.: +1 242 331-2131 (Customs)
- **Stella Maris - SML**
  Tel.: +1 242 338-2012 (Customs)
- **Treasure Cay - TCB**
  Tel.: +1 242 365-8602 (Customs)
- **Walker's Cay - WKR**
  Tel.: +1 242 602-9400 (Customs)

1.2. Airport Facilities

Nassau

1.2.2. Storage
Goods not cleared within five 5 days are stored at the Airport Queen's Warehouse. After ninety (90) days storage goods may be auctioned.
Cool storage: Not available.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.
Animal hostel: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by consignee or his broker.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Friday 09.00 - 16.00 hrs.; Saturday 09.00 - 11.00 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours only possible for perishables, when duties are previously secured by bond or cash deposit.

1.2.5. Delivery
Possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible under bond by air.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Goods subject to preferential and those subject to non-preferential Customs Tariffs should be packed separately in order to expedite Customs Clearance.

2.1.4. Language on documents
English.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 2 Commercial Invoices certified by shipper. (The invoices must be attached to the AWB, not packed with the consignment.)
- Certificate of Origin must accompany the consignment so that it can be determined whether the goods are admissible as preferential or non-preferential.
- Import Licence.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
- Without commercial value: 2 Pro Forma Invoices.
- With commercial value: See 2.2.1.

Bona fide samples of no commercial value are duty free. Commercial traveller's samples may be imported on payment of deposit which will be refunded when re- exported within 6 months.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
3 Pro Forma Invoices specifying each article and its value.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals
Health Certificate issued 24 hours prior to shipment.
Prior Import Permit required. Applications for permits to be addressed to the Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, P.O. Box N-3028, Nassau Bahamas.
Cats and dogs: Additional Rabies Inoculation Certificate or instead the Health Certificate must certify that inoculation has been made at least 10 days but not more than 9 months before arrival.
With the exception of Canada and the USA, importations of cats and dogs are permitted from rabies-free countries only. From Canada and the USA, in addition to the Import Permit, a Veterinary Health Certificate and valid Rabies Inoculation Certificate is required.

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2.3.3. Plants and plant material
(Including parts of plants and plant products): may be imported from the State of Florida, USA, providing that each shipment is accompanied by a "Nursery Certificate of Inspection Stamp" issued by the Florida Division of Plant Industry.
Plants obtained by other sources in the USA must be accompanied by a State of Federal Phytosanitary Certificate.
Plants from all Countries should be accompanied by an Import Permit issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Local Government, Nassau, Bahamas. Additionally, each shipment must be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the Dept. or Ministry of Agriculture of the exporting Country, which must be examined by Bahamas Customs Authorities before clearance is effected.
Plants that are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the exporting country can be packed with the soil.
Prohibited: Mahogany products and wooden products in general from Haiti. All varieties of citrus fruits, mangoes, avocado, fresh vegetables and all fruits with soft pericorp (excluding) bananas and plantains) or any foodstuffs unfit for human consumption form Azores, Bermuda, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba including the Isle of Pines, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Hawaii, Honduras, Jamaica, Madeira Islands, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Salvador, Trinidad and other Countries which may endanger agricultural progress in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Import Permit from the Commissioner of Police.

Note:
Fireworks display (fire crackers and impact flash salutes) require prior approval from the local authorities.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Medical Certificate or Pharmacist's Licence proving necessity to import must be held by consignee prior to shipment.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
Import Permit obtained prior to shipment.

2.4. Prohibitions
Shipper should contact consignee or any reliable authority. In principle the following articles are at any rate prohibited for import: all goods which may convey anthrax: unauthorised copies of copy right works; indecent or obscene pictures or literature; margarine and butter substitutes labelled as butter; any article bearing a design in imitation of coins, currency or banknotes in current use in the Colony or elsewhere.
Furthermore:

1. No person shall import into the Bahama Islands from any country other than Canada or the United States of America any raw wool, raw hair, raw bristle, untanned hide, uncured skin, bone, hoof or horn of any animal except with the permission of the Director of Agriculture first obtained and in accordance with such conditions as the Director of Agriculture may see fit to impose.
2. No person shall import into the Bahama Islands from any country any semen of any animal except with the written permission of the Director of Agriculture first obtained and in accordance with such conditions as the Director of Agriculture may see fit to impose.

See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges

2.5.6. Storage

Freeport, Nassau
Per week / Part of a week:

1. Packed goods:	
a. Beer Wines and Spirits in cases, per case	0.30
b. All other goods	
(i) Measuring under 10 cu. ft, per package	1.50
(ii) Measuring 10 cu. ft or over but under 100 cu. ft, per cu. ft or part thereof	0.30
(iii) Measuring 100 cu. ft or over, per cu. ft or part thereof	0.25
2. Unpacked goods:	
a. Motor vehicles, each	30.00
b. Lumber, per 1000 ft or part thereof	6.50
c. Cement, per ton or part thereof	6.50
d. All other goods, per ton or part thereof	12.00

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