

6.5. Customs Inspection

The personal baggage of diplomatic and consular officers and their dependents is exempt from customs inspection unless there are serious grounds for presuming that it contains articles not for their personal use or articles prohibited by law. Such customs inspection shall be conducted only in the presence of the diplomatic or consular officers or their authorized representatives.

The personal baggage of members of the administrative and technical and service staff and their dependents is not exempt from customs inspection.

7. Annual Request for Lists of Diplomatic and Consular Personnel

Apart from the normal notifications of arrivals and departures, the Office of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs makes an annual request of diplomatic missions to provide lists of all its diplomatic and consular personnel in Canada, including dependents and locally engaged employees, for the purpose of maintaining complete and accurate records. It is in the interest of diplomatic missions to give their full cooperation in the matter

8. Births of Children of Diplomatic and Consular Personnel

The diplomatic mission should notify the Office of Protocol of the Department of External Affairs without delay of any births of children of its diplomatic and consular personnel in Canada. Such notification must be by note and shall include:

- (1) the full name;
- (2) the date of birth;
- (3) the place of birth.

It should be noted that the Citizenship Act (Canada) stipulates that a person born in Canada is not a Canadian citizen if, at the time of his birth, either of his parents was a diplomatic or consular officer or other representative or employee in Canada of a foreign government, or an employee in the service of such a person.

9. Social Security Benefits for Permanent Residents of Canada

Social security benefits are included in the calculation of income under the Income Tax Act (Canada). Locally engaged employees of the diplomatic or consular mission who are permanent residents