REQUIREMENTS FOR REPATRIATION OF CREMATED ASHES TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Please note the following procedures with regard to the importation of cremated ashes to Trinidad and Tobago of deceased nationals of Trinidad and Tobago:

- Documents required for transporting cremated ashes are as follows:
  - Original Death Certificate;
  - Original Certificate of Cremation;
  - Original Funeral Director’s Statement of Death;
  - Original Letter from the Funeral Home confirming that the urn contains only the cremated ashes of the deceased;
  - Original Trinidad and Tobago passport of the deceased (for cancellation).

- The above original documents must be sent to the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago in Brussels, Belgium for authentication. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by original sworn translations.

- The official stamp of the Embassy of Trinidad and Tobago in Brussels is affixed to each document and initialled by the authorized officer of the Embassy. The original documents are returned.

- The postage fee is €12 and should be paid to the bank account of the Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in Brussels to facilitate the return of the original documents via registered mail. The details of the bank are:

  BNP Paribas Fortis Sainte Alix
  Avenue Sainte-Alix 54
  1150 Woluwe-St-Pierre
  Brussels, Belgium
  Account No. 210-067662097
  BIC Code GEBABEBB
  IBAN Code BE54 2100 67662097

  You also have the option of contacting a registered courier service for the return of the original documents at your expense.

- All applications for permission to repatriate cremated remains MUST obtain the approval of the Comptroller of Customs before making travel arrangements to transport the ashes to Trinidad and Tobago.

- Persons repatriating ashes must declare the urn containing the cremated ashes to the Customs Officials on arrival at the port of entry into Trinidad and Tobago.