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REQUIREMENTS FOR REPATRIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Please note the following procedures with regard to the importation of human remains to Trinidad and Tobago of deceased **nationals of Trinidad and Tobago**:

- The family/importer of Human Remains must contact a Funeral Home in the country where the death took place;
- Documents required for shipping Human Remains are as follows:
 - Original letter issued by the Competent Authority from the place of death stating the authenticity of the documents produced for the transportation of the deceased person;
 - Original Death Certificate;
 - Original letter of non-contagious diseases issued by the Health Department abroad;
 - COVID-19 PCR test;
 - Original Permit to dispose of or Transport Human Remains;
 - Original Embalming Certificate from the funeral home abroad;
 - Original Trinidad and Tobago passport of the deceased (for cancellation);
 - Details of airline arrangements and contact details of funeral home receiving the remains.
- The Funeral Home in the country where the death took place must submit the above **original** documents 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 to the Funeral Home.

With regard to the importation of human remains to Trinidad and Tobago of deceased **non-nationals of Trinidad and Tobago**, the following procedures should be observed:

- The immediate relative of the deceased must have ties to Trinidad and Tobago and is required to submit a letter addressed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security. The information provided must include the name of the deceased, his/her nationality at time of death, relationship to the deceased and reason for requesting that the deceased be interred in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The letter must also state what ties the deceased had to Trinidad and Tobago.
- Approval to import human remains of a non-national MUST be granted prior to making travel arrangements to transport the deceased to Trinidad and Tobago.



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 Once approval has been granted, the steps outlined previously for the importation of human remains to Trinidad and Tobago of deceased nationals of Trinidad and Tobago should be followed, and the deceased person's cancelled passport should be provided.