PROCEDURE FOR COMMERCIAL SAMPLES FOR ADVERTISING IN ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE FOR RUSSIA

During World Food Moscow 2012, trade had raised the issue of difficulties in getting samples of products from India into Russia which hampers their efforts at participation in the Russian trade fairs. The Embassy of India has now communicated the following procedure which has been finalized by them in consultation with the Customs authorities in Russia:

1. Scientific and commercial samples can be temporarily imported into the Russian Federation in the passenger baggage and by the express post by way of declaration to the Russian Customs.
2. The value of the samples should not exceed Rubles 300,000.
3. Scientific or commercial samples imported (admitted) temporarily will be released within 4 hours after the submission of the customs declaration.
4. The documents required for the declaration include contract with the foreign person and should also indicate the purpose of import of such samples.
5. If exhibition or advertising materials are to be sold or used, they are to be placed under the Custom procedure for release for internal use, in case all customs duties and taxes are paid in full amount.

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