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All Crewmembers

SIGNING OFF IN MEXICO

MEXICO CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

As a general rule, crewmembers signing off in Mexico are prohibited from bringing in brand new products.

The only allowed items include:

- Goods for personal use only
- Digital or written manuals and/or documents related to the job, including software
- 1 laptop or notebook (or similar) and its accessories
- 1 video camera and its accessories
- 10 DVDs, 30 CDs and a storage device for any electronic equipment
- Books, magazines and other publications
- 1 photo camera, 1 mobile phone (or similar), 1 electronic agenda and its accessories
- 1 piece of luggage or any other items necessary for the transfer of baggage

The only way a brand new product may be brought by a crewmember into a Mexican territory is if:

- The value of the merchandise does not exceed $150 or its equivalent in national currency
- The crewmember has supporting document that expresses the commercial value of the merchandise
- The crewmember will shoulder the fee amounting to an overall rate of 16%

Failure to adhere to these regulations will constitute fines, and possibly, delays for the vessel.

Filipino Crew

EXPENSE REFUND FOR RATINGS

One of the company-initiated privileges offered by Odfjell that is not part of the mandates from POEA[1], CBA[2], or any other regulating body is the refund of transportation or accommodation expenses.

Ratings can reimburse either reasonable accommodation expenses for a maximum of two nights (for those residing far from Manila) or transportation under the following circumstances:

Newly signed-off crewmember
One-way transportation expense will be reimbursed if crewmember reports to the office within 72 hours

VISA Processing
As instructed by the office

CFA conferences
As instructed by the office

[1] Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
[2] Collective Bargaining Agreement