

Cuba Issues New Import Limits on Personal Items



Havana, July 12, (Xinhua-RHC), -- Cuba's customs service (AGR) has issued new limits on non-commercial products imported for personal use, state daily Granma reported on Friday

The rules, published in Thursday's Government Gazette, apply new limits on personal items brought into the country as baggage, or shipped by land, air and sea.

According to the daily, the new rules, set to take effect in September, aim to stem the excess amounts of goods being declared as personal items, but in reality intended for sale.

Personal items include edible goods, toiletries, underwear, jewelry, household appliances and computers.

The new rules set a limit of 10 kg of rice, corn, flour and pasta; 10 kg of dairy products; 20 kg of canned goods; 5 liters of oil; 20 disposable razors, 30 soaps; 20 blouses and shirts, and 15 pairs of shoes.

On appliances, the rules set a limit of two for each of the following: televisions, stereos, VCRs, electric pots, refrigerators, cellphones, and computers, regardless of type.

According to Granma, one of the most flagrant violations of the current restrictions involved "a passenger who, via terminal 3 of the Jose Marti International Airport, imported 41 computer monitors and 66 flat-

screen TVs in one year."

AGR deputy chief, Idalmis Rosales Milanés, warned the customs authority may seize goods exceeding the established limits.

Passengers still have the right to bring with them up to 25 kg of personal items, free of charge, and up to 10 kg of medication.

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