Local Currency

Any individual (either Philippine residents or non-residents) is allowed to bring into or take out of the Philippines up to PHP50,000 without prior written authorization from the BSP.

In excess of this amount, prior BSP written authorization should be secured. The BSP allows cross-border transfer of local currency in excess of the limit only for the following purposes:

1. For testing/calibration of money counting/sorting machines; and
2. For numismatics (collectors of currency)/educational purposes.

Foreign Currency

There is no quantitative restriction as to the amount of foreign currency as well as other foreign currency-denominated bearer monetary instruments (such as travelers’ checks, other checks, drafts, notes, money orders, bonds) that may be brought into or taken out of the country.

But if the amount exceeds US$10,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currency, this must be declared in writing (with information on the source and purpose of the transport of such currency or monetary instrument) using the Bureau of Customs’ (BOC) prescribed Foreign Currency and Other Foreign Exchange-Denominated Bearer Monetary Instruments Declaration Form. The BOC declaration form is available at the BOC desk in the arrival/departure areas of all international airports and seaports in the Philippines. END

Regulations on Cross-Border Transfer of Legal Tender Local and Foreign Currencies

Bringing of **LOCAL CURRENCY** into or out of the Philippines

**UP TO PHP50,000**
**PER INDIVIDUAL**
Allowed without prior BSP written authorization

**ABOVE PHP50,000**
**PER INDIVIDUAL**
Requires prior BSP written authorization*

*Authorization is issued by the BSP only for:
  - Testing/calibration of money counting/sorting machines
  - For numismatics (collectors of currency)/educational purposes

Bringing of **FOREIGN CURRENCY** into or out of the Philippines

**UP TO US$10,000 WORTH**
**PER INDIVIDUAL**
Allowed

**ABOVE US$10,000 WORTH**
**PER INDIVIDUAL**
Allowed, but must be declared using the **BOC form**

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) declaration form is available at the BOC desk in the arrival/departure areas of all international airports & seaports in the Philippines. The form may also be downloaded from the FX Manual (Annex K) which is posted at the BSP website.