



**Embassy of the State of Eritrea
U.S.A.**

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Temporary Directive Human Remains Shipment to Eritrea

Effective today, we are announcing resumption of shipment of human remains to Eritrea. The service had been suspended due to the ban on all transportation to and from Eritrea in response to COVID-19. The current extraordinary circumstances of no regular flights to Eritrea will require strict adherence to the requirements listed herein.

1. Human remains shipment will resume, but no individual will be permitted to travel accompanying the shipment.
2. To avoid any potential risk to public health, shipment of COVID-19-infected human remains to Eritrea is not permitted.
3. All relevant expenses shall be the full responsibility of the sender(s).
4. All requirements shall be completed by an authorized funeral home and submitted to Consular Services at the Embassy of Eritrea in Washington, D.C., prior to initiating any shipment.
5. Upon receipt of completed requirements, we will obtain shipment authorization from relevant authorities in Asmara and communicate the approval to the family or the next of kin of the decedent. Shipment shall take place only after obtaining this approval.
6. All requirements for shipment of human remains are listed on page 2 of this directive.
7. Embassy of Eritrea in Washington, D.C., is currently closed due to COVID-19. As such, all communications pertaining to the shipment of human remains to Eritrea shall be done remotely by the email and phone number listed below:

Email consular_washington@embassyeritrea.org

Tell 1-888-808-4892

Requirements of Human Remains **Shipment To Eritrea**

- 1. Two certified copies of the original death certificate.**
- 2. Letter on Non-Contagious Disease from a State or County health official.**
- 3. Letter of preparation on funeral home letterhead with a statement about the preparation procedures, the contents of the casket, and the name, address, and telephone number of the consignee.**
- 4. Letter of Non-Contagious Disease from the attending physician.**
- 5. A steel casket with a wood outer shipping container is the preferred method of the consulate. However, a wood casket is acceptable if the family uses a steel screw-down liner for sealing purposes and the wood outer box.**
- 6. Copies of Eritrean Passport, Eritrean Identification Card, and copies of US Passport or Green Card when applicable.**

Please email attached documents to
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Calls during the pandemic (Mon.-Fri.,
9 a.m.-5 p.m.):

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