

Aircraft / Drone Import Guide

Aviation & Air Services

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Explains importing an aircraft, helicopter or drone into India — DGFT and DGCA clearances, customs and duty, type acceptance and registration — with the sequence. Use it before importing an air asset.

Purpose of this tool & output

Import an aircraft or drone lawfully

How the output is used

Use it to import an aircraft or drone lawfully — the import clearance, DGCA acceptance and registration steps so the aircraft can enter service in India.

Who receives it

Clearances involve the DGCA (import/airworthiness acceptance), the DGFT/Customs for import, and BCAS/WPC where applicable for equipment.

How to submit / file it

File the import documents, type-acceptance and airworthiness records with the DGCA, complete customs clearance, and then register the aircraft on the Indian register.

Fees & charges

Customs duty and clearance charges, DGCA acceptance and registration fees, plus any DGFT licence cost for restricted items.

Who should vet it

The DGCA airworthiness directorate for type acceptance, and a customs broker for the import and duty clearance.

Important cautions

Import policy, duties, type-acceptance and clearances differ for aircraft versus drones and change; drones in particular have specific type-certification and import rules. Confirm the current position with DGCA, DGFT and customs and use experienced advisers.

Companion documents

- [Aviation Approvals Roadmap](#)
- [DGCA Operator Permit \(NSOP/AOP\) Guide](#)
- [Aircraft Registration & Airworthiness Guide](#)
- [Operations Manuals & SMS Documentation Guide](#)
- [CAR Compliance Navigator](#)
- [BCAS Aviation Security Programme Guide](#)

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