

**Notice for expatriate Sri Lankans living in Italy and other European Union (EU)
Countries accredited to this Mission i.e Cyprus, Greece and Malta**

**Carriage of Prohibited food item of “Murraya Leaves”/ “Curry Leaves” in
passenger baggage from Sri Lanka to Italy, Cyprus, Greece and Malta**

This is to bring your important attention that under the EUROPHYT Notifications of the EU “**Murraya Leaves**”/ “**Curry Leaves**” is an item prohibited to be brought down from Sri Lanka to the EU Countries on Harmful Organism content grounds. During the month of November, 2018, the EU and the Italian Customs have detected that there are many occasions that “**Murraya Leaves**”/ “**Curry Leaves**” have been brought in the passenger baggage of Sri Lankans who are arriving in Italian airports, mainly in Catania Airport. This sort of increase in number of detections and the non-compliance of this rule would result in a negative impact on Sri Lanka’s exports of food items to Italy and other EU countries.

We therefore, inform hereby the Sri Lankans living in Italy, Cyprus, Greece and Malta to prevent bringing down “**Murraya Leaves**”/ “**Curry Leaves**” in your travelling baggage which are originating from Sri Lanka. Further, Sri Lanka Customs at Katunayake International Airport will also screen your personal baggage for this purpose and if you do not adhere to this requirement you would not have a smooth departure at the customs clearance at that end.

While thanking for your attention, we moreover, request you to share this important message among your relatives and friends who intend visiting from Sri Lanka.

**Embassy of Sri Lanka
Rome, Italy
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