

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT
U.S. Embassy Colombo, Sri Lanka
April 2020

CDC requirements for importing human remains depend upon if the body has been embalmed, cremated, or if the person died from a [quarantinable communicable disease](#).

At this time, COVID-19 is a quarantinable communicable disease in the United States and the remains must meet the standards for importation found in 42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 71.55 and may be cleared, released, and authorized for entry into the United States only under the following conditions:

- The remains are cremated; OR
- The remains are properly embalmed and placed in a hermetically sealed casket; OR
- The remains are accompanied by a permit issued by the CDC Director. The CDC permit (if applicable) must accompany the human remains at all times during shipment.
 - Permits for the importation of the remains of a person known or suspected to have died from a quarantinable communicable disease may be obtained through the CDC Division of Global Migration and Quarantine by calling the CDC Emergency Operations Center at 770-488-7100 or emailing dgmqpolicyoffice@cdc.gov.

Please see [CDC's guidance](#) for additional information.

PART I. Name of Country

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

PART II. U.S. Embassy Information

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Consular Information Sheet

Register With the U.S. Embassy

PART III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors.

Country Profile: See "Background Note: Sri Lanka"

Host Country Religions: Buddhism is the majority religion in Sri Lanka. The rest of the community consists of Christians, Muslims and Hindus.

Religious Activities for Visitors: English is spoken in many of the larger Christian churches and Roman Catholic churches. The Christian community consists of other denominations as well such as Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Christian Science, Mormon, Seventh - day Adventist,

and Dutch Reformed Churches. Synagogues are also available. There are Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, and Islamic mosques are located all over the island. 2

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in the Host Country:

1.) A.F. Raymond Limited (all services related to cremation, burial and shipment)

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