

TRANSPORTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS TO JAMAICA

All arrangements, including the payment of expenses, for the transportation of human remains are the responsibility of the family members of the deceased. The Consulate can assist the family member(s) in making the necessary contact with the pertinent authorities and entities in the country where the death occurred, if they are having any difficulties.

The family should:

- Contact a funeral home in the relevant country to handle all arrangements for transportation of the body, including with the airline for flying the body home;
- Seek permission in writing from the pertinent authority in the particular area where death occurred, for the body to be released to the funeral home;
- Contact a funeral home in Jamaica to receive the body on arrival and make arrangements for burial.

The following documents must accompany the body to Jamaica:

- Official Death Certificate/Post Mortem Report, issued by the pertinent authority;
- Certificate of Release (Transit Permit), providing the name and age of the deceased;
- Embalming Certificate, issued by the appropriate authority indicating the manner in which the body was prepared and that the coffin contains only the body in question;
- Statement of Assurance that the remains have been placed in a hermetically sealed (air tight) casket; or a lead coffin, in cases where persons died from communicable diseases.

If the remains have been cremated, the accompanying documents should be:

- Cremation certificate
- Official death certificate/post mortem report
- Certificate of release (transit permit)

All documentation must bear the Official stamp or seal of the issuing authority.