

**PHILIPPINE EMBASSY- BERNE, SWITZERLAND  
PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL- GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE PHILIPPINES**

**HUMAN REMAINS**

Following are the requirements for the shipment of human remains to the Philippines:

1. **Death Certificate** issued by the Local Civil Registrar, or similar authority (showing the name, age, date, place of birth and nationality of the deceased person, as well as the place and date of death);
2. **Certificate of Transportation to the Philippines;**
3. **Mortuary Certificate** from the Funeral or Mortuary Director. If no separate Certificate of Non-contagious Disease is issued, said certificate should also state that the body was in a sanitary condition consistent with existing standards for overseas shipment;
4. **Certificate of Non-contagious Disease** issued by the proper health authority, stating that the deceased did not die of a contagious disease or that the remains to be shipped did not originate from a place contaminated by a contagious disease (This requirement is waived if foregoing information is indicated in the Mortuary Certificate.);
5. **Transit Permit** issued by the proper health authority at the place where transportation begins;
6. **Burial Certificate;**
7. **Original Passport of the deceased** for cancellation by the Philippine Embassy in Berne or the Philippine Consulate General in Geneva; and
8. **Notarial Fee of CHF 25.00.**

The foregoing documents must be submitted to the Philippine Embassy in Berne or Consulate General in Geneva prior to the issuance of Consular Mortuary Certificate and shipment of the remains to the Philippines.

## **CREMATED REMAINS**

For the shipment of cremated human remains to the Philippines, the following documents must be submitted to the Philippine Embassy in Berne or the Philippine Consulate General in Geneva:

1. **Death Certificate** issued by the Local Civil Registrar, or similar authority, showing the name, age, date and place of birth, and nationality of the deceased person, as well as the place and date of death;
2. **Certificate for the Transport of Ashes** issued by the proper health authority;
3. **Notarized Funeral Director's Certificate** stating that the body was properly incinerated in accordance with internationally accepted health practices; that it is in a sanitary condition consistent with existing standards for overseas shipment; and that ashes have been placed and sealed properly in a metal urn and contains only the ashes of the deceased;
  - A. **If the urn will be hand-carried**, provide the name/s of the person/s hand carrying the urn, as well as the person's flight itinerary, and contact information and address in the Philippines.
  - B. **If the urn will be shipped** to the Philippines, provide the name of the shipping or courier service to be used, the name, contact information and address of who and where the urn will be shipped to, date of departure from Switzerland, and the estimated date of arrival in the Philippines.
4. **Pass for a Funeral Urn** issued by police authorities stating that the deceased did not die of a contagious disease or that the ashes to be shipped did not originate from a place contaminated by a contagious disease;
5. **Original Passport of the deceased** for cancellation by the Philippine Embassy in Berne or the Philippine Consulate General in Geneva; and
6. **Notarial Fee of CHF 25.00.**

*Note: Sealing of the casket or urn by a Consular officer is no longer required.*

For further queries, please contact the Philippine Embassy in Berne at (E) [info@philembassyberne.ch](mailto:info@philembassyberne.ch) or (T) 031 350 1717, or the Philippine Consulate General in Geneva at (E) [geneva.pm@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:geneva.pm@dfa.gov.ph) or (T) 022 716 1930