



Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of Residence Visa on passport
- Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air / Waybill (AWB)
- Detailed Packing list
- Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any exemption (Diplomats)
- Copy of Diplomatic Card or passport (Diplomats)

Specific Information

- Import shipments may be intensively inspected by Customs authorities.
- The importation of household goods and personal effects into the UAE is exempted from Customs duties.
- If any prohibited items are found during the Customs inspection, severe punishment will be imposed including fines, imprisonment or both.
- Import of all new goods etc. is subject to the payment of Customs duties at 5% of CIF value
- All import duties are charged based on the costs, insurance and freight (CIF) value of the shipment.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Copy of UAE residence Visa
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)
- Original Certificate of Origin
- BL / AWB
- Vehicle Certificate of Title (must include detailed description, including engine number, year of production, colour, etc.)

- Commercial Invoice / Original Purchase Invoice
- Proof of ownership

Specific Information

- Consignee can be call for Customs inspection if required by UAE customs
- Vehicles with tinted glass restricted for import.
- Used cars are subject to Customs duty at 5% of CIF value

Pets

Documents Required

- Copy of Owner Passport
- Copy of Residence visa
- Copy of Diplomatic Card (Diplomats)
- AWB
- Import Permits
- Veterinary details
- Medical Records

Specific Information

- Consignee must be present for Customs inspection.
- Vehicles with tinted glass restricted for import.
- Used cars are subject to Customs duty and tax.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- The following items may qualify for free import if within the limits indicated:
 - Cigarettes (400), cigars (50), tobacco (500)
 - Spirits, wine and beer (24 cans per carton and no more than 355 ml per can)

Prohibited Items

- Weapons of all kinds
- Military uniforms
- Alcohol
- Narcotics of all kinds, including poppy seeds, flowers and leaves

- Banned substances, including drugs and medicines without prescription
- Radio transmitters, wireless transmitters and communication equipment
- Statues and figures of animals with religious undertones
- Nude carvings and statues of humans
- Pornographic materials
- Controversial political literature and materials contrary to Islamic principles
- Toxic and radioactive materials
- Items manufacture by Israeli black-list and of Israeli origin
- Food items containing port
- Articles made from endangered animals or made of ivory

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.