

Saudi Arabia *Customs Information for Diplomats*

Documents Required

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- ✓ Passport (copy) with entry visa
- ✓ Residence Permit and Work Permit
- ✓ Proof of Employment legalized by Saudi Chamber of Commerce or a Saudi Government Agency
- ✓ Inventory, original with description of contents of cartons (PBO - "packed by owner", CU - "contents unknown" and MISC. - "miscellaneous", not acceptable) and purchase receipts for major household good items
- ✓ Certificate of Origin (for new items), itemized, with price for each article. (Inventory and Certificate of Origin MUST be legalized by the Saudi Embassy or Consulate and translated into Arabic)
- ✓ Original valued inventory for Customs purposes
- ✓ Keys for any locked items for customs inspection
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- ✓ SASO Certificate of Conformity for all electrical items imported into the country
- ✓ Letter of Undertaking authorizing destination agent to perform Customs clearance
- ✓ Documents for surface shipments must be received at destination a minimum of seven days prior to arrival of vessel

Customs Regulations

The following regulations apply to import of household goods and personal effects:

- The owner of the goods must be in Saudi Arabia at the time of customs clearance.
- Household goods must not be imported with another persons belongings in the same container; heavy penalties will be imposed for violations.
- All shipments are inspected and subject to duty, including used household goods and personal effects.
- Shipments are valued locally and rates vary depending on the item.
- Containers and trailers must have a comprehensive packing list of all contents (in a water-proof envelope) taped to the rear door. (List should show customer's full name and address.) Failure to comply will result in heavy fines.
- Shipments arriving in Saudi Arabia without a comprehensive packing list are subject to unloading and full tally at port of discharge.
- "Make Mark" information: All goods imported into the country must show the country of origin; i.e. "made in USA", "made in Japan", etc.
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- Failure to comply with this regulation will prohibit entry of the goods.

Motor Vehicles

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- Shipper's name should match on all documents (i.e. passport, shipping documents and vehicle ownership)
- One car allowed per family and must be in accordance with Saudi Arabian standards
- Vehicles must be less than five years old to be imported
- Many other restrictions apply to cars of foreign residents
- The following information must be furnished to the steamship company for all autos going to Saudi Arabia: make, model, year, color, engine and chassis number, license and serial number, weight, dimensions of auto with bumpers, owner's address at origin, date car was last registered in the U.S., Customer's destination address, including phone contact overseas
- Auto must be registered as soon after clearance as possible

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- ✓ Letter of Saudi sponsor
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Pets

- Vaccination certificates, health certificate and quarantined in a IATA approved kennel.

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 - Pornographic material and literature including fashion magazines with people wearing undergarments or swimsuits
 - Politically sensitive material
 - All foodstuff
 - Stuffed animals
 - Articles contrary to Muslim or Saudi Arabian beliefs or morality will not be allowed into the country
 - Christmas trees/decorations or any other items (BIBLES) associated with religions other than the Muslim faith
 - Military uniforms or equipment of any kind
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 - Once censorship has been completed, a separate delivery will be made at an additional charge to the customer.
 - Cartons containing these articles should be clearly labeled as to contents and must not be mixed with other items.
 - Any restricted or prohibited items in shipment will cause delays, may be subject to confiscation and may cause possible fines or penalties to customer's account.
 - CUSTOMERS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS CLEARING THE RESTRICTED ITEMS SHOWN BELOW THROUGH CUSTOMS AND SIGNIFICANT LOSS AND DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

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