

Syria *Customs Information*

The U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control currently administers sanctions involving a number of countries that may affect the transportation of household goods and personal effects. Please contact us if you have a question regarding these sanctions, or for further information on the OFAC's sanctions, you may visit: <http://www.ustreas.gov/ofac>

NOTE: CUSTOMERS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS CLEARING THE RESTRICTED ITEMS SHOWN BELOW THROUGH CUSTOMS AND SIGNIFICANT LOSS AND DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO US.

Documents Required

- ✓ Inventory - typewritten in ENGLISH or FRENCH
- ✓ List of electrical appliances and electronics (detailing make, year and serial number) and valuable articles (silver, carpets, furs, etc.)
- ✓ Manuals for computers, TVs and radios
- ✓ Letter authorizing Destination Agent to clear shipment

Additional documents required:

▪ **Foreign Diplomats:**

- ✓ Diplomatic exemption from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

▪ **Foreign Experts:**

- ✓ Work Permit in Syria
- ✓ Residence Card
- ✓ Permit from the General Directorate of Customs for clearance under temporary admission regime
- ✓ Letter of Guarantee from the work place
- ✓ License of Importation

▪ **Syrian Returning Nationals:**

- ✓ Certificate with start and end date of work
- ✓ Certificate of residence from Syrian Embassy
- ✓ List of Household goods in Arabic certified by Syrian Embassy
- ✓ Emigrant book from the Syrian Embassy
- ✓ Receipts of lease of house and electricity and water bills
- ✓ Passport and Syrian Identity Card

Customs Regulations

- Shipper must be in country when clearing the goods.
- It is not necessary for shipper to attend to customs during clearance if an authorized agent is performing the destination services.
- Customs authorities reserve the right to call and ask attendance of shipper.
- All shipments subject to strict inspection.
- Items cannot be moved to bonded warehouse for storage before Customs clearance is completed
- Items must arrive in Syria within four months of owners arrival with the exception of Foreign Diplomats

Foreign Experts and Foreign Diplomats:

- Used household goods and personal effects are duty-free provided:
- Items are for personal use, are not to be sold in Syria and must be re-exported from Syria at the end of the Work Permit or Active Service

Syrian Nationals:

- Only one shipment allowed during the first four months of arrival
- Used household goods and personal effects are duty-free provided:
- Owner is transferring his normal home to Syria to take up permanent residence
- The goods have been used for at least two years and will be retained for personal use by the owner for at least three years in Syria.

Motor Vehicles

- CUSTOMER MUST BE PRESENT FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.
- Permitted for Foreign Experts and Foreign Diplomats only.
- Car must be less than two years old.
- Diesel engines are not permitted.

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- Autos are duty-free under temporary admission regime for Foreign Experts, but they must pay road taxes and auto must be retained for personal use only
- Auto must clear customs within four months of owner's arrival in Syria
- Auto must be re-exported from Syria at the end of the Work permit or active Service
- Documents required for Foreign Experts:
 - Ownership Card
 - Green Card
 - Work Permit in Syria
 - Residence Card in Syria
- Permit from the Syrian General Directorate of Customs for clearance under temporary admission regime
- Letter of Guarantee from the work place in Syria
- License of Importation
- Diplomatic exemption from the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is required for Foreign Diplomats

Dutiable / Restricted Items

- Presents and souvenirs
- Inheritance
- Wedding trousseaux
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Prohibited Items

- Narcotic drugs
- Tobacco, wines and spirits
- Dangerous goods including firearms and ammunition
- Pornographic material
- Motorcycles
- Works of art and antiques
- "Walkie-Talkie" radios and radio controlled cars, boats and planes
- *ALL PRINTED MATTER, BOOKS, PICTURES, RECORDS, FILMS, TAPES, SLIDES, MOVIES, VIDEOS, COMPACT DISCS, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, ETC. ARE SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP AND CONFISCATION (MUST BE PACKED SEPARATELY FOR EASY ACCESS)
- Below are items permitted for Foreign Diplomats only:
 - Pets
 - Plants
 - New furniture and household goods
 - Alcohol and tobacco products