

<b>United Arab Emirates</b> <i>Customs Information for Diplomats</i>	
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<b>Customs Regulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ CUSTOMER MUST BE PRESENT FOR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE</li> <li>➢ All shipments subject to inspection. Extensive physical inspection might incur additional charges at destination.</li> <li>➢ All used household goods and personal effects are duty-free for foreigners coming for the first time as a resident into the country.</li> <li>➢ All new household goods dutiable, value determined by customs official.</li> <li>➢ Failure to provide all above documentation might result in Customs Officials applying duty to a shipment.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can only be registered with a valid United Arab Emirates Residence Visa</li> <li>▪ Only one car is allowed per adult person. A family importing two cars must have each vehicle registered under a different family member. Customs will not allow two cars in the same container so each car must be shipped in a separate container. Documents need to be consigned in each name, and each must have a valid Residence Visa for the U.A.E. Import of vehicles is tracked by customs and one is only allowed to import a car once.</li> <li>▪ Each customer is allowed one car and one motorbike. Same rules apply for motorcycles as for cars and the documentation required is also the same (see below, very important requirements)</li> <li>▪ Cars with tinted glass are not allowed to be imported. The owner will be fined and asked to have all tinted windows replaced.</li> <li>▪ Duty is applicable on all used motor vehicles at 5% of the customs assessed value, even for diplomatic shipments.</li> </ul> <p>Documents required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Registration documents from origin / Certificate of Origin (Title or Deed) or Copy of Purchase Invoice or proof of ownership.</li> <li>✓ One of these documents must show: chassis number, engine number, make, model, year and color.</li> <li>✓ Copy of Passport (picture and personal details page(s))</li> <li>✓ UAE Residence Permit/Visa</li> <li>✓ Estimate of depreciated value of the car at the time of import.</li> </ul>
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<b>Prohibited Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <i>Alcoholic beverages</i> are STRICTLY PROHIBITED. All shipping containers are scanned and items appearing as bottles are screened. Please ensure absolutely no alcohol is included in the shipment. Fines and heavy duty are applied on shipments found to contain alcohol and the consignee is liable to potential deportation.</li> <li>➢ <i>All items manufactured by Israeli blacklist and Israeli origin</i></li> <li>➢ <i>Firearms, weapons and ammunition</i> (even decorative items of this nature and toy guns are subject to confiscation)</li> </ul>

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