

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

IMPORT CUSTOMS INFORMATION

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Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Used Personal Effects & Household Goods	➤ From the Origin Agent: ☐ Copy of AWB (for airfreights) ☐ Original OBL / Sea Waybill / Express Release (for sea freights) ☐ Descriptive Inventory / Packing List ☐ Itemized Valued Inventory ☐ Certificate of insurance (if applicable) ➤ From the consignee at destination: ☐ E-Authorization to customs broker through customs portal (www.fasah.sa) [Consignee should register to FASAH upon arrival at the destination once his/her iqama/residence permit is issued] ☐ Copy of consignee's passport [Bio page and entry visa page] ☐ Copy of Residence Permit (Iqama) for expatriates and National ID (Bataqa) for citizens ☐ Muqem print-out for expatriate	☐ Customs Duties vary from 5% to 20%. ☐ Books and used clothing in reasonable quantities are exempted from customs duties. ☐ Photos, books, video tapes, and optical and solid drives are subject to inspection by the security office. ☐ 15% customs VAT on declared value to customs.	☐ If receipts/invoices are not available, all items will be assessed by the Customs Authority based on local market value. ☐ All containerized shipments must be on pallets or in lift vans, failure of which the Seaport Authority will impose additional handling charges for non-palletized shipments ☐ Non-palletized charges ☐ US\$ 267.00 – Per 20 ft, ☐ US\$ 334.00 – Per 40 ft ☐ If the Consignee or the owner is an expatriate, he/she must be in Saudi Arabia to obtain his/her residence/diplomatic ID. ☐ Consignee's attendance during Customs Inspection is NOT required. ☐ Devices containing lithium batteries may undergo customs inspection and may be released as per customs discretion
Electrical & Electronics Appliances (For New Items Only)	☐ Purchase Receipt/Invoice. ☐ SABER exemption may be required (Subject to customs discretion)	☐ Subject to customs duty - 5% of CIF Value ☐ Customs VAT 15% of the combined value (CIF+ Customs duty amount)	☐ In the absence of purchase receipts, the Customs Authority will assess the goods based on local market value.

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Prohibited Goods		☐ All games of chance (gambling paraphernalia) including dice, backgammon, and the likes. * ☐ Animal skin in commercial quantity. ☐ Weapons and firearms (real or ornamental, and/or antiques) including guns, ammunition, fireworks, spears, etc. If imported, the owner will be subject to an investigation that may result in fines and/or prison. * ☐ Military uniforms or military equipment of any kind. * ☐ Alcoholic beverages, any food products containing alcohol such as Vanilla, flavoring extract, cooking wines, etc. ☐ Books, wine-making kits, or any other items used in the preparation or manufacture of alcoholic drinks and beverages. ☐ Any kind of narcotics and/or unidentified medicines. ☐ Any type of radio transmitter or communications equipment (including receivers, VHF, Marine, police bands, or walkie-talkies). * ☐ Stuffed Animals, statues, figurines, carvings, or objects depicting human or animal form. * ☐ Pornographic materials and literature to include fashion magazines with people wearing underwear or swimsuits. ☐ Any foodstuffs containing alcohol, pork, and related pork meat products, etc. ☐ Items containing lithium batteries should have pre-approval from the customs authority /ground handling company.	☐ Items marked with an asterisk (*) can be re-exported at the shipper/consignee's expense. ☐ If such items are in a PE & HHG shipment, Customs Authority will remove them from the container for censorship or review. ☐ To reduce the time for clearance, these items must be packed separately for easy access and carton/s must be marked clearly and on the inventory; or you may send them off by air. ☐ Bringing these items without declaration, especially wines and/or any alcoholic beverages will be considered a smuggling attempt, hence, a heavy penalty will be imposed ❖ Aside from confiscation of the item, a penalty of US\$ 200.00 for a bottle of wine. ❖ For large quantities, the shipper/consignee will be brought to court and may be imprisoned. ❖ Prohibited items are subject to automatic confiscation. ❖ All incoming shipments to Saudi Arabia are subject to rigorous full physical inspection (100%).

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Prohibited Goods Continued from page 02		☐ Any books pertaining to religion other than Islam. ☐ Christmas tree and its decoration. ➤ Goods Subject to Censorship: ☐ Exposed film, including prints, slides, etc. ☐ Records, books, magazines, pictures/photos, & other printed matters. ☐ Personal computers, audio/video CD's, diskettes, USB's, computer hard disks, printers. ☐ Mobile or Cellular phones. ☐ Audio/video VHS/VCR/cassette tapes, phonograph recordings. ☐ Or, any other items that store information.	❖ A penalty will be charged to the consignee for CD's, VCR tapes and books confiscated after the censorship: ❖ US\$ 135.00 each for CD's & VCR tapes, and US\$ 14.00 each for books.
Motors & Cars	➤ New and used cars: ☐ Title Certificate / Car Registrations ☐ Conformity Certificate from a SASO accredited testing laboratory in the origin country. ☐ Police Clearance / de-registrations from the origin country. ☐ Other proofs of ownership i.e., Purchase Invoice if it is available. ☐ Proof of payment for a new car if it is available.	☐ Customs duty for cars is 15 % based on invoice /assessed value by the customs. ☐ Customs VAT 15% of the combined value (CIF+ Customs duty amount) ☐ Vehicles over 5 years old are not allowed. ☐ The vehicle owner and the consignee must be the same ☐ Right-hand drive cars are not accepted. ☐ Expatriates are only allowed to bring in one car. ☐ All vehicles are subject to meeting Saudi Standard. ☐ Client must upload relevant information thru the below link and obtain the compliance and energy efficiency document. https://www.saso.gov.sa/ar/eservices/Pages/ImportedCar.aspx	☐ Any personal belongings are not allowed inside the car. ➤ SASO office may require replacement or conversion to some parts of the car to meet the SASO Standard at the owner/consignee's expense. ➤ Online application for the SASO Conformity ➤ Certificate may be rejected and may be required to re-export the car back to its origin at the owner's expense. ❖ Rejected cars: https://saudishift.com/used-cars-that-are-banned-from-importing-to-saudi-arabia/

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Diplomatic Shipments	☐ E-Authorization to customs broker through customs portal (www.fasah.sa) [Consignee should register to FASAH upon arrival at destination once his/her diplomatic ID issued] ☐ Copy of consignee's passport [Bio page and entry visa page] ☐ Copy of diplomatic ID ☐ Duty / inspection Exemption from MOFA with counter approval from Customs Head Quarters [Ministry of Finance]		❖ Diplomats shall obtain Duty & Inspection Exemption Certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, otherwise, their shipment will be considered as ordinary cargo thereby, subjected to full physical inspection and duty payment.

Important Note

The purpose of this document is to guide shippers and agents with relevant information that may be required while importing used personal effects and household goods to Saudi Arabia. However, Saudi customs regulations are modified at regular intervals, and such regulations are even implemented without any prior notice. Any costs, damages, delays, or any other detrimental facts or events resulting from non-compliance are solely for the account of the shipper and/or origin agent. To avoid such situations, and to get the latest updates, we recommend contacting Four Winds' respective offices in Saudi Arabia before shipping.

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