

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

## IMPORT CUSTOMS INFORMATION

Saudi  
Arabia



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Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
<b>Used Personal Effects &amp; Household Goods</b>	<p>➤ <b>From the Origin Agent:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of AWB (for airfreights)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Original OBL / Sea Waybill / Express Release (for sea freights)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Descriptive Inventory / Packing List</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Itemized Valued Inventory</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of insurance (if applicable)</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>From the consignee at destination:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> E-Authorization to customs broker through customs portal (<a href="http://www.fasah.sa">www.fasah.sa</a>) [Consignee should register to FASAH upon arrival at the destination once his/her iqama/residence permit is issued]</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of consignee's passport [Bio page and entry visa page]</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Residence Permit (Iqama) for expatriates and National ID (Bataqa) for citizens</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Muqem print-out for expatriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Customs Duties vary from 5% to 20%.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Books and used clothing in reasonable quantities are exempted from customs duties.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photos, books, video tapes, and optical and solid drives are subject to inspection by the security office.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 15% customs VAT on declared value to customs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If receipts/invoices are not available, all items will be assessed by the Customs Authority based on local market value.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-palletized charges</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 267.00 – Per 20 ft,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> US\$ 334.00 – Per 40 ft</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If the Consignee or the owner is an expatriate, he/she must be in Saudi Arabia to obtain his/her residence/diplomatic ID.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consignee's attendance during Customs Inspection is NOT required.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Devices containing lithium batteries may undergo customs inspection and may be released as per customs discretion</li> </ul>
<b>Electrical &amp; Electronics Appliances (For New Items Only)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Receipt/Invoice.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> SABER exemption may be required (Subject to customs discretion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Subject to customs duty - 5% of CIF Value</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Customs VAT 15% of the combined value (CIF+ Customs duty amount)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In the absence of purchase receipts, the Customs Authority will assess the goods based on local market value.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Prohibited Goods</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All games of chance (gambling paraphernalia) including dice, backgammon, and the likes. *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Animal skin in commercial quantity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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. *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military uniforms or military equipment of any kind. *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholic beverages, any food products containing alcohol such as Vanilla, flavoring extract, cooking wines, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Books, wine-making kits, or any other items used in the preparation or manufacture of alcoholic drinks and beverages.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any kind of narcotics and/or unidentified medicines.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any type of radio transmitter or communications equipment (including receivers, VHF, Marine, police bands, or walkie-talkies). *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Animals, statues, figurines, carvings, or objects depicting human or animal form. *</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pornographic materials and literature to include fashion magazines with people wearing underwear or swimsuits.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any foodstuffs containing alcohol, pork, and related pork meat products, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Items containing lithium batteries should have pre-approval from the customs authority /ground handling company.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Items marked with an asterisk ( * ) can be re-exported at the shipper/consignee's expense.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If such items are in a PE &amp; HHG shipment, Customs Authority will remove them from the container for censorship or review.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 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</li> <li>❖ Aside from confiscation of the item, a penalty of US\$ 200.00 for a bottle of wine.</li> <li>❖ For large quantities, the shipper/consignee will be brought to court and may be imprisoned.</li> <li>❖ Prohibited items are subject to automatic confiscation.</li> <li>❖ All incoming shipments to Saudi Arabia are subject to rigorous full physical inspection (100%).</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Prohibited Goods</b> Continued from page 02</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any books pertaining to religion other than Islam.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Christmas tree and its decoration.</li> <li>➤ <b>Goods Subject to Censorship:</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exposed film, including prints, slides, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Records, books, magazines, pictures/photos, &amp; other printed matters.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Personal computers, audio/video CD's, diskettes, USB's, computer hard disks, printers.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mobile or Cellular phones.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Audio/video VHS/VCR/cassette tapes, phonograph recordings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Or, any other items that store information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ A penalty will be charged to the consignee for CD's, VCR tapes and books confiscated after the censorship:</li> <li>❖ US\$ 135.00 each for CD's &amp; VCR tapes, and US\$ 14.00 each for books.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Motors &amp; Cars</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>New and used cars:</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Title Certificate / Car Registrations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conformity Certificate from a SASO accredited testing laboratory in the origin country.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Police Clearance / de-registrations from the origin country.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other proofs of ownership i.e., Purchase Invoice if it is available.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of payment for a new car if it is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Customs duty for cars is 15 % based on invoice /assessed value by the customs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Customs VAT 15% of the combined value (CIF+ Customs duty amount)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vehicles over 5 years old are not allowed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle owner and the consignee must be the same</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Right-hand drive cars are not accepted.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Expatriates are only allowed to bring in one car.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All vehicles are subject to meeting Saudi Standard.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Client must upload relevant information thru the below link and obtain the compliance and energy efficiency document. <a href="https://www.saso.gov.sa/ar/eservices/Pages/ImportedCar.aspx">https://www.saso.gov.sa/ar/eservices/Pages/ImportedCar.aspx</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any personal belongings are not allowed inside the car.</li> <li>➤ SASO office may require replacement or conversion to some parts of the car to meet the SASO Standard at the owner/consignee's expense.</li> <li>➤ Online application for the SASO Conformity</li> <li>➤ Certificate may be rejected and may be required to re-export the car back to its origin at the owner's expense.</li> <li>❖ Rejected cars: <a href="https://saudishift.com/used-cars-that-are-banned-from-importing-to-saudi-arabia/">https://saudishift.com/used-cars-that-are-banned-from-importing-to-saudi-arabia/</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Diplomatic Shipments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> E-Authorization to customs broker through customs portal (<a href="http://www.fasah.sa">www.fasah.sa</a>) [Consignee should register to FASAH upon arrival at destination once his/her diplomatic ID issued]</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of consignee's passport [Bio page and entry visa page]</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of diplomatic ID</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Duty / inspection Exemption from MOFA with counter approval from Customs Head Quarters [Ministry of Finance]</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Diplomats shall obtain Duty &amp; 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.</li> </ul>

### 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.

## International Affiliations

