

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inventory copy ▪ Express or Original BL ▪ Passport copy with valid UAE residence visa stamped 	<p>Importation is allowed provided the shipment consists of personal effects and used household goods.</p> <p>All used personal effects and household goods are exempted of duty. Brand new items will attract Custom duty and if the invoice is not provided for the same items, Custom Inspectors will assess a value for the same and on the assessed value 5 % will be levied as Customs duty.</p> <p>For duty purposes the inventory should not state value of items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Valid UAE residence visa stamped on the passport is necessary else the clearance of personal effects at the customs, including from the shipping line, would not take place. ▪ Shipments of Personal effects may attract customs duty (currently 5% of the value assessed by customs) which is at the discretion of the customs authorities if the residence visa is not stamped. ▪ Mostly all shipments will go through a 100% physical inspection and therefore it is necessary to pack all books, CD's, video's, DVD, magazines in separate cartons and marked clearly so that they can be easily identified by customs and released if in order quickly.
Diplomats' removals	<p>Same as above, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Letter from Ministry of foreign affairs for exemption of customs duty with Importer code. ▪ B/L should mention that it is Diplomatic Cargo. 	Free of national & local duties.	Marine police and customs authorities may inspect cargo.
Commodity shipments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legalised CIF invoice. ▪ Certificate of Origin. ▪ Copy consignee's trade licence. ▪ Inventory. ▪ 2 original OBL and 1 copy. ▪ Insurance Policy. ▪ Importers Code 	Subject to 5% duties on the CIF value.	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial invoice/original purchase invoice. 	Importation is allowed provided the vehicle meets UAE specifications.	After the vehicle is Customs cleared in the UAE, the Customs Authorities will issue a vehicle

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Express or original OBL ▪ Passport copy ▪ Residence Visa on passport ▪ Insurance policy. ▪ Proof of ownership 	<p>Vehicles new or used are subject to 5% duties on CIF/FOB Discretion at Govt Authorities.</p> <p>B/L should specify engine n°, chassis n°, make, model and colour etc.</p>	<p>clearance certificate which should be submitted to the Local Traffic Authority to register the car in the name of the Owner/Consignee only.</p> <p>Only 1 car is allowed for each consignee per shipment.</p> <p>Prior to exportation, the registration of the car should be de-registered near the local traffic authority.</p>
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Health certificate. ▪ Original Vaccination card. ▪ Original Certificate for Rabies Serum Neutralization. (The certificate is not required from the mentioned countries - Australia, Austria, Andorra, Ascension Island, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Bahrain, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, French Polynesia, Falkland Islands, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jamaica, KSA, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Malta, Montserrat, Mauritius, Mayotte, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Qatar, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Saint Kitts & Nevis, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Vatican City, Vanuatu, Wallis & Futuna). ▪ AWB. 	<p>If part of a removal, duty free entry.</p> <p>A valid passport for pet with name, breed, colour, date of birth, age, sex. Microchip or tattoo for identification. It is not allowed to import dogs or cats under 4 months of age into UAE.</p>	<p>The health certificate, certificate for Rabies Serum Neutralization, vaccination card is to be obtained at the originating station. This certificate should be sent to the destination agent at least two to three weeks prior to the actual sending of the pet to the UAE. The destination agent should take the same certificate to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in UAE who will issue an Import License for the same pet and that will be sent to the origin agent to be handed over to the owner of the pet. The import permit is valid only for one month. This original Import License along with a copy of the Health Certificate should be attached to the AWB accompanying the pet.</p> <p>Prior to the export of a pet, a Health Certificate should be obtained from a qualified and registered Veterinary Doctor in UAE, which needs to be presented to the airlines.</p> <p>Each person allowed to import only 2 pets.</p>

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Prohibited items		Weapons, firearms (real or ornamental), ammunition, fire crackers, swords, daggers, spears, etc, military uniform or equipment, alcohol, spirits, narcotics of all kinds even poppy seeds and flowers, leaves etc, banned drugs and medicines, medicines in large quantities even obtained under prescription and for the consignee's own use, radio transmitter or communication equipment, statues and figures of animals with religious undertone, carvings and statues of humans especially in nude, pornographic materials, foodstuff in large quantities, religious books other than dealing with Islamic beliefs, controversial political literature and materials contrary to an Islamic State's principles.	If any of these items is found in the shipment during the inspection by the UAE Customs, the same will be confiscated and in some cases, explanation will be asked from the consignees and severe punishment will be imposed including fine imprisonment.
Restricted items		Records, tapes, films, photographs, books, magazines, periodicals, etc. Live plants, seeds, fresh fruits and flowers are coming under restricted items, if found objectionable, they will destroy the same and never return these to the consignee.	These items will be subject to review and censorship by the UAE Ministry of Information. These items will be released if nothing abnormal is found. This procedure will take from 10 to 15 days.
Dangerous items		Combustible liquids, corrosives, explosives, flammable, compressed gases.	Please contact your agent should you have any questions concerning these dangerous items. If any of these items were shipped, this would put you and your company liable for damages and compensation under international law, which is also applicable in UAE.