
**CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FOR IMPORTS**

HOUSEHOLD GOODS REMOVAL

A. Documents Required

- Passport copy
- Inventory list
- Original bill of lading / copy of airway bill
- Valid visa with entry stamp (Foreigner)
- Kuwait Civil ID (Kuwait Citizen)
- Certificate of origin showing complete name and address of manufacturer (For new items)
- Invoice (For new items)

Diplomat

- Copy of personal identity document or card issued by embassy
- Exemption certificate from Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

B. Specific Regulations

- The commercial invoice and certificate of origin must be stamped from the Kuwait Ministry from Chamber of Commerce.
- On items deemed “commercial” by Kuwaiti Customs, a customs duty of 5% will be charged on the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value on all items.
- Diplomats are permitted duty-free entry.

MOTOR VEHICLES (MOTOR VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES AND CARAVANS)

A. Documents Required

- Certificate of import
- Proof of ownership
- Mechanical certificate from origin stamped by the Public Port Authority in Kuwait.

B. Specific Regulations

- Customs duties are charged at a rate of 5% on the value of the vehicle as estimated by Kuwait customs, in addition to bank charges.
- Motor vehicles older than 5 years are prohibited for import.
- Only residents are permitted to import vehicles.

PETS

A. Documents Required

- Health certificate

B. Specific Regulations

- Dogs, cats and birds may be imported.

RESTRICTIONS/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Books, audio/video tapes, and music may be imported but is subject to censorship.
- Items manufactured by companies on the Israeli Boycott List will be confiscated.
- The inclusion of medicine and drugs for medicinal purposes will invariably cause delays in clearance. A special release order from the Ministry of Health is required.
- Computer modems are subject to registration and an initial fee levied by the Ministry of Communication of approximately \$400 USD and a renewable fee of \$400 USD per year; this is not a customs requirement but a requirement of the Ministry of Communication and is administered by the Department of Customs.
- Do not include new electronic items in shipments.
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CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

For household goods and personal effects on behalf of an individual, consignment instructions are as follows:

- Full name of customer (as stated on passport)
c/o local agent name in Kuwait
Address

Important: While consignment instructions are provided above, it is prudent to reconfirm the advised consignment instructions prior to shipping particularly if the client will be importing as a diplomat.

Recommended: Once the shipment is booked, please fax your pre-alert to the agent office along with a copy of the airway bill / bill of lading, packing list, passport copy, and full contact details of the consignee.

Helpful Tips

- Mark the waybills very clearly "Used household goods and personal effects" if all items are used.
- Packing list should be in Arabic or English.
- Do not attach the inventory list used for the insurance purposes with the documents enclosed with the shipment.

- Pre-alert along with the copies of waybill, packing list, valued inventories and shipping schedule should be sent to agent by fax/email well in advance of shipment arrival.

It is strongly recommended that all shipping documents be carefully prepared according to the instructions. This will help to avoid unnecessary delays and/or costly storage charges at destination.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Alcohol (including but not restricted to liquors, wine and beer) as well as alcohol producing kits/machinery
- Pork products
- Pornographic books, magazines and other media
- "Walkie-Talkie" type radios
- Narcotics, drugs, stimulants
- Firearms, weapons and ammunition, including antique weapons
- All materials and products connected with or manufactured by Israel

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