

BAHRAIN

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	 Original Bill of lading- Copy of the Airway bill. Clear copy of the Packing list. Copy of the Passport with a valid Residence permit endorsed for all shipments. Authorisation Letter. Declaration. 	All shipments are subject to 100% inspection at the port/airport. New items will attract a duty of 5%. Whether old or new, customs duty would apply on Personal Computers, piano or musical instruments (5%), videos (approx. US\$ 0,55 per video as screening fee), foodstuff (5%). Duty free on to CDs, DVDs, LDs, VCDs unless large quantities are imported.	Consignee's physical presence is not mandatory for Customs clearance however consignee can always be present if wish to attend the clearance process except overland shipments. All used HHGs are allowed free of duty but subject to owner having a valid Residence Permit. In the absence of a two year Residence Permit, shipment can be cleared upon issue of a guarantee letter from company sponsor stating that residence permit is in process. Items contained in the shipment must for personal use and cannot be used for commercial purposes. DVD's/ magazines are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Interior for pornographic literature, banned books, etc Note: Customs and Port Authority will remain closed on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information: <u>http://www.bahraincustoms.gov.bh/</u> <u>http://www.mofa.gov.bh/washington/Home.aspx</u>
Diplomatic removals	 Original Bill of Lading. Copy of the Airway-bill. Clear copy of the packing list. Duty Exemption Certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Copy of diplomatic passport or ID. 	Duty Free Clearance No physical Customs inspection. Only scanning.	Wines, Spirits and alcohol subject to customs duty at customs discretion. Please check with your Embassy prior to shipping. Medicines are subject to prescription by a doctor and should be in Arabic or English. Firearms prohibited.

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Commodity shipments	 Commercial invoice which must indicate currency, C & F value. Amount of packages, weight/measurement manufacturer's name, and country of origin. Packing List. Insurance Certificate (if insured) Certificate of Origin (legalised). 	Subject to 5% customs duty on CIF value	All shipments are subject to the Customs' inspection.
Motor vehicles	 Commercial invoice on new vehicles. Original Bill of Lading. Certificate of ownership OR Export certificate from country of origin. Car condition report. Proof of insurance. No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for diplomats) Residence Permit for at least 18 months (non-citizens). 	Customs duty payable at 5% of the value assessed by the customs (CIF). Port handling fee payable by the customer. Consignee has to arrange for Local Insurance prior to custom clearance and removal of car from Customs and Port. Valid insurance is required. The shipper must arrange to obtain the Central Population Registration (CPR) card through the employer's HR department. Once the CPR is obtained, the shipper may obtain a temporary license plate. Cars older than 5 years cannot be imported (http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/702363).	Importation allowed for left hand drive vehicles only. Consignee must be present for customs inspection. Vehicles should not be shipped with a full gasoline tank. Ocean freight shipment can be cleared without a residence permit with a deposit payable at clearance. The deposit amount will be refunded once the residence permit is stamped (+-/ 2 weeks). (For non-citizens).

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Pets	 Copy of the Airway-bill. Vaccination certificate. Import permit. Veterinary Health Certificate. 	Import licence to be obtained prior to booking the pets. The Veterinary Health Certificate must state that the animal is free from disease and is fully vaccinated.	Upon completion of customs formalities all pets will be sent to the government quarantine centre. Quarantine is normally for a month. Consignee has to a make own feeding arrangements for the pet during quarantine. Pets may only be transported as cargo; however, assistive animals may be able to travel in the aircraft cabin.		
Prohibited Items	 Narcotics and Drugs Flammable Items Ivory Pornographic materials (DVDs and magazines are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Interior) Pirated DVDs and VCDs Swords Knives, daggers (ornamental, etc.) Wireless equipment Satellite, receivers, cordless telephones, walkie talkies Guns, arrows, darts Military Clothes Gambling Games 	 Fire Gun, Shot Gun, Sea gun, Military clothes, Sword, Two-Side Knives, (Even those pre-packed as souvenirs) Arrow or Dart, Dagger: Customs will hold the entire shipment if necessary & if required, local police authorities will be called. Wireless equipment like remote controlled choppers, airplanes, boats, satellite dish antennas, and weapons of any nature – even those pre-packed as souvenirs: Customs will hold the entire shipment if necessary & if required, local police authorities will be called in should any types of guns, ammunition, souvenir daggers and remote controlled devices be found. 			
Alcoholic beverage		Importation allowed if part of a removal. Customs duty applicable.	Customs duty will be assessed by the customs.		

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