



## Import Customs Guide **QATAR**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<b>Removal Goods – Household Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release.</li> <li>▪ Detailed inventory (sheet with the details of household goods to be mentioned as per new guidelines issued Sept 23rd 2017 )</li> <li>▪ Passport copy with Qatar work / residence permits.</li> <li>▪ No-Objection letter to import HHG's into the country (typed in Arabic) on the original letterhead of employer / sponsor in Qatar signed by the authorised signatory of the company.</li> <li>▪ First entry stamp to Qatar from the passport page or A valid Qatar ID.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs is imposing duties on all import shipments (especially SEA import) with duties and taxes at 5% on customs declared value:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The only exemption relates to personal baggage and gifts accompanied by the shipper at the following conditions:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The value thereof may not exceed 3000 Qatari Riyal.</li> <li>▪ Should be of personal nature and not of commercial quantities</li> <li>▪ The shipper cannot be a frequent passenger at the customs station.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Customs reserves the right to take any decisions (as per Customs Article 21).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shipments to be declared as used household goods and personal effects.</li> <li>▪ All shipments are subject to 100% physical inspection.</li> <li>▪ Computer equipment requires a separate clearance procedure through Qatar customs. If a computer is included in the shipment, specifications should be sent prior to arrival to obtain Qatar Telecommunication approval.</li> <li>▪ Any forms of idols used for the purpose or worship or as a part of decorations must be declared and a prior approval must be taken from the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs to import such cargo.</li> <li>▪ LCL shipments arriving POE Doha are taking up to two weeks in port to be deconsolidated. Therefore, Customs clearance and delivery after vessel arrival can take up to three weeks.</li> <li>▪ No one is allowed to have access to the goods until Customs officials have completed clearance, leading to problems during re-packing.</li> </ul>
<b>Diplomatic removal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release.</li> <li>▪ Detailed inventory.</li> <li>▪ Letter of protocol from the relevant Embassy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MOFA letter from Embassy is required for duty / inspection exemption.</li> <li>▪ Import of alcohol is allowed for diplomats but limited to annual quota agreed by the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All documents including the original MOFA approval document will be submitted to the Customs Authority for duty exemption.</li> <li>▪ After the vessel arrives, irrespective of</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ must be processed with the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> <li>▪ Valid Qatar ID &amp; Passport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective embassies in the country and it should be declared in the packing list and MOFA letter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ receiving the approval for duty exemption, it is at the discretion of the Customs officer if the goods require 100% inspection or not.</li> </ul>
<b>New furniture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legalised CIF invoice.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of origin.</li> <li>▪ Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Original B/L or AWB.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty: 5% on CIF value plus legalization charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invoice and C/O must be endorsed by the Qatar Embassy at origin and received by destination agent prior to shipment's arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original registration certificate.</li> <li>▪ Original Vehicle Export certificate</li> <li>▪ Vehicle details – on an excel format as per the standards</li> <li>▪ Insurance policy.</li> <li>▪ Invoice (if available).</li> <li>▪ Original B/L or AWB</li> <li>▪ NOC from the employer</li> <li>▪ Qatar ID and Passport copies of the actual consignee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5% duty plus legalization charges on CIF value may be charged at the discretion of customs.</li> <li>▪ For all vehicle(s) older than one year, a pre-alert, with all details included, is required seven to ten days in advance of vehicle(s) arrival</li> <li>▪ Cars older than 5 years are not allowed to be imported without prior approval from the Customs Authority, Metrology dept and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For registration: to be done by the owner and the relocation company cannot help with this process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proof of ownership at origin and original import manifest are required. Owner must be resident in Qatar prior registration in her/his name.</li> <li>▪ Possibility for a single shipper to import more than one vehicle.</li> <li>▪ Import of vehicles older than five years is forbidden.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Cats &amp; dogs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health certificate dated no more than 2 weeks prior to date of arrival.</li> <li>▪ Import licence issued in Qatar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following dogs require at least 2 weeks' notice and may be rejected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boxers, Bulldogs, Rottweilers, Pugs, Great Danes, Dobermans, Shar Pei's and Japanese Akitas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health certificate has to be issued by government approved veterinary clinics and faxed at least 3 days prior to arrival.</li> </ul>
<b>Audio/video tapes, books, and CDs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to screening by the Ministry of Information &amp; Education.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Returned within 14 working days.</li> <li>▪ To import religious books a special approval must be taken from the Ministry of Education.</li> </ul>

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Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcoholic beverages.</li> <li>▪ Pork.</li> <li>▪ Wireless transmitters / receivers.</li> <li>▪ Firearms, explosives.</li> <li>▪ Narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Swords, daggers.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic material.</li> <li>▪ Items made from ivory.</li> <li>▪ Buddha statues.</li> <li>▪ Any products that have not been either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Manufactured in Qatar in accordance with the law; or</li> <li>▪ Illegally imported into Qatar.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Political and religious literature/articles deemed offensive to the Qatar government and the Islamic faith.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All prohibited articles detained by Customs may be destroyed without consignee's consent.</li> </ul>



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