



Customs

Import & Export guide

Kingdom of Bahrain

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1. PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This guide sets out the general customs clearance requirements and is intended to help individuals/ companies minimize the risk and time associated with the process of importation and exportation in accordance with the customs laws in the kingdom of Bahrain.

2. PROHIBITED GOODS

Goods prohibited from importation for reasons linked to health, environment, protection of endangered species, security, legislation etc.

#	Item Category
1	All types of Narcotic Drugs (Heroin, Cocaine, Hashish, Pills having drugs effects etc...)
2	Indian Paan and Derivatives
3	Used and reconditioned Tires
4	Cultured Pearls
5	Advertisement material for all types of Cigarettes
6	Radio/ Remote controlled Model Aircraft
7	Children's Toy Guns capable of firing projectiles
8	Goods of Israeli origin or bearing Israeli trademarks or logos
9	Printed publications, photographs, pictures, books, magazines sculptures and mannequins that contradict Islamic teachings, decency, or immorality
10	Seditious or Treasonable material
11	Asbestos or Items containing Asbestos
12	Raw Ivory, Ivory articles and Rhinoceros Horn
13	Live Swine
14	Any other items, whose importation is prohibited under Kingdom of Bahrain Customs laws, or any other laws of the country
15	E-cigarettes

3. RESTRICTED & CONTROLLED GOODS

Licenses or permits are required from a Government Authority before the item is allowed to enter the Kingdom of Bahrain.

#	Item	Required Authority
1	Live animals, plants, fertilizers and insecticides	Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs
2	Unadulterated Ethyl Alcohol, Iso-propanol, Handcuffs made from Iron/Steel Arms, ammunition, explosives and military weapons	Ministry of Interior
3	Any items related to medical / Pharmaceutical	Ministry of Health - NHRA
4	Print materials, publications, and media products	Ministry of Information
5	New tires, Toys, Electrical fans and lamps	Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism
6	Telecommunications Devices	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
7	Transmitters and radio equipment	Information & eGovernment Authority
8	Foodstuffs, personal care and cosmetic products	Ministry of Health

4. IMPORT

Customs Clearance requirements:

A- High Value Commercial Shipments (above BHD 100)

- Detailed original invoice showing country of origin along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Naqel Air waybill (AWB).
- Copy of the Importer (Commercial Registration) CR.
- Copy of Owner/Authorized Bahraini ID (CPR)
- Authorization from the Importer to customs clearance company (Naqel).
- Individual customs declaration is required.
- Subjected to Customs Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT).

Note: Restricted products will be referred to the relevant authority for approval.

B- High Value Personal Shipments (above BHD 300)

- Detailed original invoice showing country of origin along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Naqel Air Waybill (AWB).
- Copy of the importer ID.
- Authorization from the Importer to customs clearance company (Naqel).
- Individual customs declaration is required.
- Subjected to Customs Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT).

Note 1: *Restricted products will be referred to the relevant authority for approval.*

Note 2: *Certain items have a limited quantity that is permitted as personal use.*

C- Courier shipments:

- Detailed commercial invoice along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Naqel Air Waybill (AWB).
- Consolidated Import Declaration will be implemented for each Master Air Waybill (MAWB).
- Low value shipments will be released without Customs Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT).
- Low value shipments will be released without individual customs declaration, **unless:**
 - ✓ Restricted products require an approval from the governing entity.
 - ✓ Personal shipments but received in commercial quantity, and commercial clearance procedures must apply for it.
 - ✓ The customs officers have the rights to request individual customs declaration for any shipment.

Note 1: *Low value commercial shipments are less than BHD 100.*

Note 2: *Low value Personal shipments are less than BHD 300.*

5. EXPORT

Customs Clearance requirements:

A- Commercial shipments

- Detailed commercial invoice showing the country of origin along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Naqel Air Waybill (AWB).
- Copy of the Exporter Commercial Registration (CR).
- Authorization from the exporter to customs clearance company (NAQEL).
- Customs Export Fee.

B- Personal Shipments

- Detailed commercial invoice showing the country of origin along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Naqel Air Waybill (AWB).
- Copy of the Exporter ID.
- Customs Export fees.

6. RE-EXPORT

Customs Clearance requirements:

A- In Courier Mode

a) Undelivered shipments:

- Copy of import Naqel Air Waybill (AWB)
- New return Naqel Air Waybill (AWB)

b) If delivered to the consignee but returned afterwards:

- New Naqel Air waybill (AWB)
- Detailed commercial invoice along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Copy of the import declaration if not originally cleared by Naqel Express.

B- In General Cargo Mode

- Copy of the import declaration.
- Naqel Air Waybill (AWB).
- Detailed commercial invoice along with the Harmonized System (HS) code of each item.
- Re-export customs declaration is required.
- Request for refund the Customs Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) if needed.

7. WEBSITE REFERENCES

Naqel Express: www.NaqelExpress.com

Bahrain Customs: www.BahrainCustoms.gov.bh