



## Import Customs Guide **QATAR**

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| GOODS   | DOCUMENTS REQUIRED   | CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS  | REMARKS   |
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| <p><b>Removal Goods – Household Goods</b></p> | <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.</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 in order to obtain Qatar Telecommunication approval.</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> |
| <p><b>Diplomatic removal</b></p>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original B/L or AWB.</li> <li>▪ Detailed inventory.</li> <li>▪ Letter of protocol from the relevant Embassy must be processed with the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</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 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>   |   |

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| <b>New furniture</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legalised CIF invoice.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of origin.</li> <li>▪ Inventory.</li> <li>▪ 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 have to be endorsed by a 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>▪ Insurance policy.</li> <li>▪ Invoice (if available).</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 unless with special approval.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For registration: to be done by the owner and the relocation company can no 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.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Returned within 14 working days.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Prohibited items</b>                 |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcoholic beverages.</li> <li>▪ Pork.</li> <li>▪ Wireless transmitters / receivers.</li> <li>▪ Fire arms, explosives.</li> <li>▪ Narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Swords, daggers.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic material.</li> <li>▪ Items made out of 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</li> </ul> </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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|       |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the law; or               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> |         |



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