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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	- Sea Waybill, Surrendered, Express Bill of Lading or Original Bill of Lading. - Original Air Waybill. - Clear copy of the Packing list in English. - Clear copy of the Passport with the signature page. - Clear copy of Valid Residence Permit endorsed for all shipments. - Clear copy of Central Population Registry Card (CPR ID, both sides). - Signed Authorisation Letter to customs . - House/Property Lease Agreement Copy (as a proof if client is residing in Bahrain but working in KSA)	- All shipments are subject to 100% inspection at the port/airport. - New items will attract a duty of 5% & 10 % VAT. - 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. - Prepare a list of books included with the shipment w/ comprehensive details such as: Title, Genre, Author, Old or New	- Consignee's physical presence is not mandatory for Customs clearance (however consignee can always be present if wish to attend the clearance process except for overland shipments). - All used HHGs are allowed free of duty but subject to owner having a valid Residence Permit. - A clear copy of the Bahrain Residence Permit with Ministry stamp & QR Code printed version is mandatory for customs clearance. - Items contained in the shipment must be 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. - Customs and Port Authority will remain closed on Fridays and Saturdays. - For more information: http://www.bahraincustoms.gov.bh/ http://www.mofa.gov.bh/washington/Home.aspx
Diplomatic removals	- Express or Original Bill of Lading. - Original Airway-bill. - Clear copy of the packing List - Duty Exemption Certificate from the Ministry	- Duty free clearance. - No physical Customs inspection. Only scanning. - Firearms prohibited.	- Medicines are subject to prescription by a doctor and should be in Arabic or English. - Wines, spirits and alcohol subject to customs duty at customs discretion. Please check

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	- of Foreign Affairs. ▪ Copy of diplomatic passport or ID.		with your Embassy prior to shipping.
Commodity/ Commercial shipments	▪ Original 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. ▪ Subject to 10% VAT	▪ Import shipments are subject to random Customs inspection.
Motor vehicles	▪ Commercial invoice on new vehicles. ▪ Original Bill of Lading or Express Bill of Lading. ▪ Original Certificate of ownership, Title 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). ▪ Valid Bahrain Residence Permit (non-citizens).	▪ 5 years or older Motor Vehicles not allowed to be imported. ▪ VAT is applicable at 10% of the value assessed by the customs (CIF). ▪ 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 - For more information: http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/702363	▪ Importation allowed for left hand drive vehicles only. ▪ 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.
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 make his own feeding arrangements for the pet during

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			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. - Naked statues and naked paintings. - 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 beverages		- Importation allowed if part of a removal. - Heavy Customs duty / VAT applicable.	Customs duty and VAT will be assessed by Customs.



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