

# BAHRAIN

This guide is compiled from the FIDI Customs Guide for reference only. Customs regulations change frequently; please consult your Seapoe relocation consultant for the latest requirements before shipping.

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## Removal goods

### Documents Required

- 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)

### Customs Prescriptions

- 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

### Remarks

- 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

### Documents Required

- Express or Original Bill of Lading.

- Original Airway-bill.
- Clear copy of the packing List
- Duty Exemption Certificate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Copy of diplomatic passport or ID.

### Customs Prescriptions

- Duty free clearance.
- No physical Customs inspection. Only scanning.
- Firearms prohibited.

### Remarks

- 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 with your Embassy prior to shipping.

## Commodity/ Commercial shipments

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### Documents Required

- 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).

### Customs Prescriptions

- Subject to 5% customs duty on CIF value.
- Subject to 10% VAT

### Remarks

- Import shipments are subject to random Customs inspection.

## Prohibited Items

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### Customs Prescriptions

- 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.

### Remarks

- Fire gun, shot gun, sea gun, military clothes, sword, two-side knives (even those prepacked

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

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### Customs Prescriptions

- Importation allowed if part of a removal.
- Heavy Customs duty / VAT applicable.

### Remarks

- Customs duty and VAT will be assessed by Customs.