

Goods	Documents Required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	<p>Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed inventory in English • Passport copy. • Qatar Residence Permit or letter in Arabic on letterhead from company confirming visa is under process • NOC (Non Objection Certificate) from the employer in Arabic on company letterhead allowing importation of household goods. (GAC can provide a draft if required) 	<p>All used personal and household goods are exempt from duty provided that shipment arrives into Qatar within 6 months of shipper's arrival. First entry stamp in passport will be checked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customs duty is at present 5% of the value estimated by Customs in case shipper has been here over 6 months. Assessment is courtesy of customs official and decision is final. 	<p>All kinds of media, such as CDs, DVDs, books, hard drives, computers, etc are subject to censorship and ICT approval. This process can take up to 14 days. This does very rarely nowadays, but if it happens GAC will obtain the receipt and hand over to the shipper who later will be able to pick up the items.</p> <p>LCL shipments arriving POE Doha are taking up to two weeks in the port to be de-consolidated. Therefore, customs clearance and delivery after vessel arrival can take up to three weeks. All shipments are subject to 100% physical inspection. If a physical inspection does take place no one other than customs own staff is allowed to have access to the goods until Customs officials have completed clearance. The repacking is done by customs staff.</p>
Diplomats' removals	<p>Bill of Lading or Airway Bill (Original or Express Release)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed inventory in English • Letter of protocol from the relevant Embassy must be processed with the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 	<p>Once protocol letter is received, shipment is normally exempted from inspection and allowed duty free clearance into Qatar but this remains at the discretion of the customs director.</p>	<p>If the protocol letter cannot be obtained, the goods will be cleared as a normal non-diplomatic shipment.</p>
New Furniture	<p>Same as normal household goods shipment</p>	<p>5 % of customs officer's assessment</p>	<p>New furniture can be included in household goods shipments; however we will not get involved with importing shipments consisting of only new furniture as a different set of paperwork will be required and the shipment might be considered commercial.</p>

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Motor vehicles	<p>Original registration certificate or title</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invoice (if available) <p>Export certificate if imported from another GCC country</p>	<p>5 % customs duty at assessed value will be charged at the discretion of customs.</p> <p>For all vehicles older, a pre-alert, with all details included, is required at least 14 days in advance of vehicle's arrival.</p>	<p>Each shipper is only allowed to import one vehicle.</p> <p>Import of vehicles older than five years is not allowed.</p> <p>Registration of the vehicle is the client's own responsibility. Proof of ownership at origin, original import manifest and clearance document are required to register the car.</p> <p>Owner must be resident in Qatar prior to registration.</p>
Cats & dogs	<p>Health certificate dated no more than 2 weeks prior to date of arrival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Import license issued in Qatar. <p>** GAC Qatar doesn't handle pet transportation but are happy to recommend preferred suppliers.</p>	<p>Following dogs require at least 2 weeks notice and may be rejected: Boxers, Bulldogs, Rottweilers, Pugs, Great Danes, Dobermans, Shar Pei's and Japanese Akitas.</p>	<p>Health certificate has to be issued by government approved veterinary clinics and faxed at least 3 days prior to arrival.</p>
Alcoholic beverages, pork, wireless transmitters/receivers, fire arms, explosives, narcotics, swords, daggers and pornographic material, items made out of ivory. Buddha idols and other statues /items that would offend the Islamic faith.		Prohibited	<p>This list is our best attempt to describe items not allowed, but be aware that customs officers make decisions from time to time on what is and is not allowed. This is not within GAC's control.</p> <p>All prohibited articles detained by customs may be destroyed without consignee's consent. Any confiscated items will be the responsibility of the shipper. GAC can assist only to a certain extent, but at a cost which will be determined by amount of work involved.</p>
Audio/video tapes, books, CDs, DVDs and media in general		Subject to screening by ICT. (Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology)	Returned within approx. 14 working days directly to customer. Screened media to be picked up by owner directly from ICT.