



# International Moving

## Import Customs Rules & Regulations Kingdom of Bahrain

For delivery to residences in Bahrain, please ship directly to Bahrain Port / Airport.

All information relating to Customs Regulations and documentation requirements are subject to change without prior notification. GAC will not be held responsible / liable for delays and costs incurred due to these changes.

### **PORT OF ENTRY / DISCHARGE**

Khalifa Bin Salman Port or Bahrain Port

### **AIRPORT OF ENTRY**

Bahrain International Airport (BAH) - Bahrain

### **CONSIGNING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NORMAL SHIPMENTS**

Consignee Name (as mentioned in passport)

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### **SHIPMENT DECLARATION**

Used household goods and personal effects

### **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

- Original Bill of Lading / Airway Bill. (Express release B/L accepted for non-diplomatic shipments)
- Fully detailed packing list / inventory
- One passport photocopy of consignee + Bahrain residence visa (mandatory)
- Authorization letter / declaration letter to be signed by shipper (form submitted by GAC)
- Value of goods to be declared for Customs Purposes by the shipper
- Precise handling and invoicing instructions (showing GAC quote or tariff reference)
- Full address and telephone number of consignee and notify party
- A pre-alert email with brief details of sea / airfreight shipment should be sent at least 4-5 working days prior to arrival
- On all airfreight shipments, one set of original documentation should be attached to the shipment
- All diplomatic household goods shipments to Bahrain should be marked and consigned to The Embassy
- Motor vehicles should be accompanied with ownership certificate (title of ownership), insurance policy and invoice (vehicles older than 2 years will be subject to customs duty. Please check with GAC prior to export, for complete information on rules and regulations vehicle imports into Bahrain)
- Original vehicle export certificate



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## IMPORTS REGULATIONS / CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

- Personal effects are subject to open inspection by Customs authorities
- Normal Customs Clearance takes 4-5 working days for sea freight and airfreight
- All used personal and household goods are exempt from duty provided importer has a valid Bahrain residence visa
- Customs duty is at present 5% of the value estimated by customs on all new furniture and used motor vehicles
- Books, literature, audio / video cassettes, records, CDs, etc. are subject to screening by Customs
- Prohibited articles detained by Customs may be confiscated and destroyed without consignee's consent

## PROHIBITED ARTICLES

- All pornographic literature, videos, films & pictures and any items made out of ivory
- Alcoholic beverages (including fine wines), food products, medicines, medical drugs and medications
- Wireless transmitters / receivers / cordless telephones
- Firearms, ammunition, explosives and any weapons (including decorative items such as sword and daggers)
- Product of Israeli origin / manufacture, or any items on the Israeli blacklist
- All narcotics and drugs e.g. dried poppy flower can lead to severe legal action and long prison service
- Political or religious literature deemed as offensive to the Bahrain Government or the Islamic Faith

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