



CUSTOMS PROCEDURES FOR MOVING INTO DOHA, QATAR

Required Documentation:

- Original Bill of Lading or copy of telex or express release / Airway Bill.
- A fully detailed packing list / Inventory
- Passport photocopy
- Full address and telephone number of consignee and notify party.
- A letter of "NO-OBJECTION" from the consignees company in Qatar (on company letter head & stamped in Arabic), mentioning duration of contract, position and certifying that goods are for personal use not for resale is required for customs clearance.

Imports Regulations / Customs Clearance:

- Personal effects are subject to be physically inspected by Doha customs authorities.
- 5% duty (on CIF value) + legalization will be charged on all personal and household goods entering in to the State Of Qatar.
- Books, literature, video cassettes, records, CD's, DVD's etc. are all detainable by customs for screening and will be released to consignee only after approval by the Ministry of Information. Please clearly mark on inventory. These items, once released by the Ministry can be delivered by GAC, please see ancillary services.
- Prohibited articles detained by customs may be destroyed without consignee's consent.
- Customs clearance time frame: FCL : 15 working days, LCL :15 working days (from the date of De-stuffing of container)
Air Freight : 7 - 10 working days.
- Above time frames are subject to availability of all the necessary paperwork & subject to change due to Air/Sea port congestion.
- All the agents / Clients are advised to consult GAC Qatar Moving Dept. prior to commit clearance and delivery time frame.

Prohibited Articles :

- All pornographic literature, videos, films and pictures.
 - Alcohol beverages (including fine wines).
 - Medicines and medical drugs (allowed in reasonable quantities, but subject to analysis by The Ministry of Public Health).
 - Wireless transmitters / satellite receivers & dishes.
 - Firearms, ammunition, explosives and any weapons (including decorative items such as sword and daggers).
 - 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 Qatari Government or the Islamic Faith.
- Any items made out of ivory.

Importing of vehicles:

- Vehicles older than 5 years cannot be imported into Qatar.
- Duties on car : 5% of CIF value + Legalization.
- Registration of the vehicle can only be done once the owner's residence permit is in place.
- It is possible for a single shipper to import more than 1 vehicle.
- The actual registration formalities must be completed by the owner of the vehicle and he/she must comply with the registration departments requirements, ie: insurance etc.
- Motor vehicles should be accompanied with export certificate, insurance policy and invoice (if available) and should be mentioned on the BL.