



## **CUSTOMS PROCEDURES FOR MOVING INTO U.A.E**

### **Documentation Required:**

- The Original Bills of Lading or a copy of the OBL if shipment is sent on an Express Bill of Lading.
- Passport Copy + visa page or letter from the sponsor
- Original or copy of the insurance policy, if shipment is insured.
- Packing List.
- Authority letter

It normally takes 4-5 working days to customs clear ocean shipments provided all documents are in order and are received well in advance. Please note, port authorities now allow only 7 days free storage from the date of arrival of shipment. A pre-alert if sent as soon as shipment departs the port of loading would enable us to keep a track of this shipment and keep account advised at all times.

### **Import Regulations/Customs Clearance:**

- The consignee must be in Dubai when shipment arrives and must have a valid Residence Permit. In the absence of a valid Residence Permit, consignee would have to pay customs duty @ 5% of the customs assessed value.
- Customs inspection now takes place inside the port premises and not at the consignee's residence.
- All personal effects are subject to inspection at the discretion of the officer inspecting the shipment.
- Books, literature, audio/video cassettes, DVD's records, CD's are detained by customs for screening after necessary approvals from the Ministry of Information is obtained.
- All prohibited items are liable for confiscation and may be destroyed without consignees consent. Re-export of the items is not possible and would not be our responsibility.
- Customs duty of 5% is applicable on all new items and also covers for vehicles (old or new).

### **Prohibited Items:**

- Any type of pornographic material including simple nudity.
- Alcoholic beverages including fine wines.
- Medicines and medical drugs (only prescription drugs in limited quantities).
- Wireless transmitters/receivers, satellite antennas.
- Firearms, ammunition, explosives and any type of weapons including swords and daggers even if they are only ornamental in nature.
- Any products of Israeli origin.
- Any narcotic/psychotropic substances including seemingly innocent dried poppy flower arrangement.
- Political and religious literature/articles deemed offensive to the UAE government and the Islamic faith.
- Any items or Ivory, skins of animals and Buddha Statues.