



## Import Customs Guide **KUWAIT**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Removal goods - HHG/PE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sea Freight Shipment:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bill of Lading.</li> <li>▪ Packing list.</li> <li>▪ Passport copy – picture page.</li> <li>▪ Residence page copy.</li> <li>▪ Temporary Work Entry Visa / NOC Copy (A4 Size Work/Entry Visa) duly stamped by the Kuwait Immigration upon arrival in Kuwait.</li> <li>▪ Kuwait Civil ID.</li> <li>▪ Work Permit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Air Freight shipment:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Airway Bill.</li> <li>▪ Packing List.</li> <li>▪ Passport copy – picture page.</li> <li>▪ Temporary Work Entry Visa / NOC Copy (A4 Size Work/Entry Visa) duly stamped by the Kuwait Immigration upon arrival in Kuwait.</li> <li>▪ Kuwait Civil ID.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry is allowed only for a total C&amp;F Value not exceeding USD \$1000 on value of shipment as estimated by Customs.</li> <li>▪ The documents required to customs clear the shipment documents have to be provided at least 5 days prior to the arrival of the shipment.</li> <li>▪ Sea freight:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5% customs duty is applicable on all non-diplomatic sea imports.</li> <li>▪ Kuwait customs have decided to charge customs duty on each and every sea import shipment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shipment to be consigned in the name of the owner on all documents.</li> <li>▪ An authorization letter from your company (Kuwait) in Arabic addressed to Customs stating that consignee is under their sponsorship and indicating which Destination Agent is appointed to clear and deliver the shipment.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This letter has to be signed by the authorized signatory of the company and stamped by the company (must be on a company letterhead).</li> <li>▪ Format to be provided to client by the Destination Agent.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Client's company authorized signature (in Arabic - Itimad Tokia) - scanned copy is required for signature verification at customs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Diplomats Removals</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bill of Lading.</li> <li>▪ Packing List.</li> <li>▪ Copy of importer's passport.</li> <li>▪ Copy of importer's Kuwait personal identity card.</li> <li>▪ Copy of Importer's diplomatic identity card issued by Embassy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exemption certificate from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait.</li> <li>▪ An authorization letter from Diplomatic Mission - Kuwait in Arabic addressed to customs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stating that consignee is under Diplomatic Mission sponsorship.</li> <li>▪ Indicating which Destination Agent has been appointed to clear and deliver the shipment.</li> <li>▪ This letter has to be signed by the authorized signatory of the Diplomatic Mission and stamped (must be on a Diplomatic Mission letterhead).</li> <li>▪ Format to be provided to the client by the Destination Agent.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>New Furniture &amp; Household Goods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Import licence or Temporary Import License.</li> <li>▪ Certificate of Origin - showing complete name and address of manufacturer.</li> <li>▪ Invoice.</li> <li>▪ Packing list.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The invoice and certificate of origin have to be legalised by the Arab Chamber of Commerce by Kuwait Embassy or Consulate at origin.</li> <li>▪ Customs duty 5% of C.I.F. value on items not manufactured in Kuwait.</li> <li>▪ On all other items where in a similar product is manufactured in Kuwait, the duty will range from 15 to 22%.</li> </ul>	
<b>Motor Vehicles, Motorcycles &amp; Caravans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Temporary import permit issued by Kuwait Ministry of Commerce (valid for 30 days)</li> <li>▪ Car Title</li> <li>▪ Bill of Sale</li> <li>▪ Vehicle Export Certificate (Gulf countries only)</li> <li>▪ Export Customs Declaration (Gulf countries only)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Only Diplomats and Kuwaitis are allowed to import their cars into Kuwait.</li> <li>▪ Other nationalities are not allowed to import cars.</li> <li>▪ Public Authority and Industry approval approximately (Kuwaiti standards specification) USD 250.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prohibited to import used motor vehicle of more than 5 years old into Kuwait.</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Computers</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Computer modems are subject to</li> </ul>	

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		<p>registration and an initial fee levied by the Ministry of Communication of approx. US\$400 and a renewable fee of US\$400 per annum. This is not a Customs requirement, but a requirement of the Ministry of Communication administered by the Department of Customs.</p>	
<p><b>Books, audio/video tapes, music records</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are allowed but censored.</li> <li>▪ Items manufactured by companies on Israeli boycott list such as CBS, RCA, Columbia are confiscated.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Medicines</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Special release order required.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invariably cause delays in clearance, as a special release order is required from the Ministry of Health.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dogs, Cats, Birds</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Health certificate.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Prohibited Items</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcoholic beverages (liquors, wine, beer ...).</li> <li>▪ Manufacturing kits.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic materials, books and magazines.</li> <li>▪ Walkie-Talkies and radios.</li> <li>▪ Firearms, weapons (including Antique weapons) &amp; ammunitions.</li> <li>▪ Drugs.</li> <li>▪ Gambling equipment.</li> <li>▪ Pork products.</li> <li>▪ Any goods connected with or manufactured by Israel.</li> <li>▪ Narcotics, drugs, incitements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strictly forbidden. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If this rule is not complied with, items will be confiscated and owner is liable to be detained, pending legal action.</li> <li>▪ Delays (and extra costs) to be expected, as a special release order is required, specifically for medicines and drugs (release order from Ministry of Health).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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