

**CUSTOMS RESTRICTIONS FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT FROM
THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**
(PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY BRACKETED ITALIC'S ARE OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE MEANING)

FIRST: COMMODITIES FORBIDDEN FROM IMPORTATION

- 1- Pork and its meat, fat, hair, blood, bowels, limbs and whatever extracted from pork.
- 2- Dogs, excluding hunting and guarding dogs or dogs designated for the blinds, provided that, submitting a certificate from the concerned authority in the country of origin, and attested by the Embassy of the Kingdom informing that the required dog is for hunting, guarding or for the blinds, in addition to referring such dog to the veterinary quarantine
- 3- Frogs meat
- 4- All types, shapes, designations of drugs, in addition to Goro, and snuff. *(Goro from a tree and is a type of drug / drug base)*
- 5- All kinds of foodstuffs made from animal blood
- 6- All types of wines and liquors including those containing alcoholic substances in any ratio as well as liquors distillation equipments and substances for use in distillation only
- 7- Holy Quran Books in commercial quantities
- 8- Blank invoices bearing address of companies from abroad
- 9- All types of tobaccos commercials *(Tobacco for commercial use)*
- 10- Cross or any other commodities bearing figures, engravings, recitals or clauses including pamphlets, books and other printed matter as well as films and tapes conflicting Islamic Beliefs and Ethics, conflicting printing law
- 11- Empty bottles coming from abroad for the purpose of filling inside the Kingdom, on which the origin is evidenced
- 12- Embodied figures conflicting with the Islamic Law Rules as well as conflicting with public ethics that are imported for sale in commercial quantities
- 13- Equipments, devices and tools designated for all types of gambling games
- 14- Second hand or renewed tires
- 15- Christmas trees
- 16- All types, parts and ammunition for weapons and military equipment, except for specialised government bodies
- 17- Night vision binoculars, by which a person can see in the dark as well as binoculars that capture pictures in the dark and indicating targets binoculars
- 18- All types of explosives, radioactive substances and saltpetre as well as potassium chlorides, unless under legal permission
- 19- All types of fireworks
- 20- Drugs on which there is no label or without attached leaflet indicating its formulation and proportions of each element according to pharmaceutical profession practice, drugs and medical formulations trade
- 21- Commodities on which the government logo is engraved, which represents two swords and one long stem palm tree
- 22- Nutmeg, its seeds and powder, importing nutmeg is restricted to the powder mixed with other spices within the permitted percentage that does not exceed 20%
- 23- Bonds and coupons of sacrifice, immolation, redemption and charities
- 24- Satellite receivers and its components and spare parts
- 25- Cameras that unclothe the body *(Could also mean blueprint cameras)*
- 26- Massage equipments that are exhibited contradictory to ethics

- 27- Small cars and cycles for children, that the height from its wheels axis is 50cm, provided with engine using petrol, gas or any other flammable substance as well as cars and cycles using batteries which exceeds 10 km/h
- 28- Little tools used in opening doors and cars (*Lock picks...etc*)
- 29- Disturbing horns
- 30- Disguising masks
- 31- Void bags supplied separately and bearing marks or information about foodstuffs, cement or its companies trademark's, except supplied bags for national companies
- 32- Transparent ladies cloak even if in personal extent
- 33- Special designs of knives prepared for aggressive purposes, such as being two edges knife or with handle
- 34- Entertainment devices including hysteric laughs
- 35- Atron substance (*Chemical products for industrial purposes, namely basic materials and intermediate products for the production of chemical finished products for industrial cleaning purposes. Cleaning, polishing, degreasing and grinding agents for industrial appliances. Can also refer to Ether*)
- 36- Pens on the shape of syringe
- 37- Items bearing big and prominent foreign countries flags
- 38- Formulations causing irritation in the body system
- 39- Form of Prophet Mohammed Seal
- 40- Commodities bearing names and pictures of famous personalities
- 41- Lion leather
- 42- Wireless broadcasting devices (Video Booster)
- 43- Visual telephone devices
- 44- Bags that containing radio, recorder or alarm devices
- 45- Congratulations card that contain small musical device working automatically when moving the card
- 46- Cars Intels similar to Intels of police and security cards as well as wireless phones (*antenna's*)
- 47- False currencies
- 48- Potassium proms substance used in improving bread production
- 49- Two exhaust cars of 450 horsepower and normal hand gear
- 50- Devices to be put behind the driver in order to alert him when he falls asleep
- 51- Eagle's logo
- 52- Changing voice devices
- 53- Eyeglasses with holes (laser power)
- 54- Lightening shoes in which mercury is used
- 55- Dummy on the shape on human hand that some drivers put apparently in their cars
- 56- Electronic (prayer) niche
- 57- Honourable Kaba Marquette (*Kaba is a holy mosque in Mecca and a Marquette is a model / impression of- literal meaning is that you can't bring any image in any form of the holy area into the country*)
- 58- Hexagonal star
- 59- Old newspapers
- 60- Right driving wheel cars (*Right hand drive cars*)
- 61- Ancient guns
- 62- Laser pens

SECOND: COMMODITIES RESTRICTED FOR IMPORTATION

- 1- The following items are liable to investigation by agricultural and veterinary quarantines within the Ministry of Agriculture and Water, according to Council of Ministers Resolution No. 50 dated 17/03/1410H
 - a- Animal shipments and products
 - (1) All types of living animals for food
 - (2) Living, carnivorous, and non-domestic animals

- (3) All types of adornment birds
 - (4) All types of poultries, rabbits and living hens
 - (5) All types of adornment fishes
 - (6) Hatching eggs
 - (7) Semen
 - (8) Veterinary vaccines
 - (9) Veterinary medications (veterinary medications shall not be permitted unless by the specialised commission formed for this purpose by Ministry of Health as per Royal Decree No. M/18 on 18/03/1398H, and its executive regulations, one member from the Ministry of Agriculture & Water subscribes in the membership of this commission)
 - (10) Fodder centralisers, vitamins and mineral salts and its hall liable to analysis, investigation and hormones investigation for centralisers, if found
 - (11) Leathers, hair, fur and wool from animal origin and no manufacturing procedures have been carried out
- b- Agricultural Shipments
- (1) Palm Parcels
 - (2) Agricultural cuttings
 - (3) Adornment plants
 - (4) Fresh fruits, vegetables and dates
 - (5) Seeds
 - (6) All types of seeds and materials used as fodders for animals such as barley, corn, millet, soya beans, straw and dried clover
 - (7) Organic fertilizers and Bitmos (*peat moss*)
 - (8) All agricultural insecticides, dry and liquid chemical fertilisers
- 2- All other substances may be permitted by the Ministry of Trade represented in Quality and Type Control Laboratories such as foodstuffs (meats, fishes, cans ... etc, iron and aluminium... etc)
 - 3- All natural animals, unless approval from Protecting Natural Life Committee, through a letter indicating the species, numbers and types
 - 4- Eggs for food purposes shall bear a seal from the country of production; however, imported eggs for incubation, there should be a certificate from the agricultural quarantine indicating that it is imported for incubation purposes
 - 5- Flour (wheat), unless through the General Organisation of Harvests Silos and Flour Mills
 - 6- Conditions concerning tobacco and its products should be considered (such as necessity to comply with specifications and bearing warning clauses as well and nicotine and tar percentage, and production date
 - 7- No permits for medications or medical formulations for trade of hospitals but only for those holding a license from the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, it is a precondition for permission to present a separate certificate or visa on the invoices from the Ministry of Health informing expressly that items are complying with health conditions. In addition, it is a precondition to exempt alcohol and radioactive isotopes from customs fees mentioned in chapters (22-28), presenting a certificate from the Ministry of Health proving that these items are prepared for medical purposes. Moreover, it is a precondition to exempt drugs mentioned in chapter (30) from customs fees that the item, its clarifications and notes should be listed in chapter (30)
 - 8- All types of chemical substances including explosives, maroons and saltpetre with all its types, as well as potassium chlorates, shall not be permitted without prior

- permission from the concerned authority, excluding what is to be imported in the name of the specialised governmental authorities
- 9- All incoming printing matters whether written, heard, viewed or pamphlets, shall not be permitted unless by approval from Ministry of Information
 - 10- It is a precondition to import the valid and effective stamps in the kingdom that it is imported by a specialised governmental authority
 - 11- It is a precondition to import second-hand clothes mentioned in chapter (63) that there should be a disinfecting certificate from abroad attached therewith, or it will be liable to health quarantine
 - 12- Distillation devices shall be permitted only by approval from the Ministry of Health or one of its branches concerning medical and scientific purposes. However, distillation devices for maintenance and technical services companies as well as public contracting companies, shall be permitted by the Ministry of Trade or Ministry of Industry, each under specialty and supervision department
 - 13- Electrical equipments shown in lists notified to customs as well as other commodities that should conform to the applicable standards for permission shall not be permitted till providing this certificate for those equipments imported for trade purpose
 - 14- All types of wireless devices whatever its range, unless by providing permit from the Ministry of Interior, but the devices for governmental departments and establishments shall be permitted according to letter from the specialised Minister indicating its types, quantities and the purpose for importing
 - 15- Hunting weapons, cold steel weapons, firearms prepared to firing live ammunition such as signal pistols and other weapons working by air pressure or by gas, or springs...etc, as well as all types of fireworks and playing guns by which boys learn shooting, pistols of disturbing noise and alike tools for use in hunting, industry, sports or entertainment, unless by pre-consent from the Ministry of Interior for importing
 - 16- Military ranks, clothes, slogans unless by approval from the specialised authorities
 - 17- Cars bearing plates or writings referring to that such cars are for military security systems, unless by license from specialised authorities
 - 18- Devices of detecting gold, jewellery and alike, unless by approval from the specialised authorities
 - 19- Detecting false currencies devices, unless by approval from the specialised authorities
 - 20- Plastic signs resembling traffic signs that to be installed on cars, unless by approval from the specialised authorities
 - 21- Fire extinguishers powder boxes and fire alarm devices, unless by approval from the specialised authorities
 - 22- Safety devices
 - 23- Clearance devices for post correspondences
 - 24- Antiquarian pieces
 - 25- Horses
 - 26- Car decorations correspond to military ranks
 - 27- Cliché provided for national companies and corporations
 - 28- Remote control plans
 - 29- Fishing boats
 - 30- Equipments and devices for manufacturing, repairing, duplicating keys unless by license from Public Security
 - 31- Exhausting Ozone substances (general Directorate of Meteorology and Protecting Environment)

- 32- Animals under extinction threat (Commission of Protecting & Developing Wild Life)
- 33- Special cards for receivers (Ministry of Information)
- 34- Gas cylinders shall be presented before Commission of Specifications and Standards

THIRD: COMMODITIES FORBIDDEN FROM EXPORTATION

- 1- All kinds of cattle and horses, except males for the GCC
- 2- All types of children's milk
- 3- The following types of palm species (Khalas, Nabout Alsaif, Saqei, Safri, Meqfri, Barhi, Sukkari, Ajwa, Holwah and Alrothanah)
- 4- Cattle fodders, barley and white Sudanese corn
- 5- Poultry fodders, yellow corn and Soya Beans
- 6- Natural sands and sands containing minerals
- 7- Iron scraps
- 8- Gas cylinders as per specifications of Natural Gas and Manufacturing (GASCO)
- 9- Zamzam water

FOURTH: COMMODITIES RESTRICTED FROM EXPORTATION

- 1- All natural animals, unless by approval from Commission of Protecting & Developing Wild Life through a letter specifying its types, numbers and species
- 2- Wheat, unless approval from the General Organisation of Harvests Silos and Flour Mills
- 3- Oil derivatives, unless by approval from the General Organisation of Oil & Minerals pursuant to a letter signed from the Governor or his Deputy
- 4- All types of medications
- 5- An amount of 2000 SAR per one ton shall be paid for non-tanned leathers (items 41.01, 41.02 and 41.03)
- 6- The following agricultural equipments and devices:
 - Drawing equipments
 - Levelling equipments that are used in agriculture and harvest, fanning
 - Winnowing equipments and accessories
 - Water pumps and motors working by petrol, gas, diesel or electricity whether connected to the bumps or not
 - Unless approval from the Saudi Arabian Agriculture Bank
- 7- Antiquarian Pieces, unless approval from the Directorate of Antiques within the Ministry of Education
- 8- Sands and white rocks (Silica), normal sands, miller's stones, limestone and marble stone (procedures mentioned in circulation No. 96/3/4 on 8/2/1422H shall apply)
- 9- Batteries scraps, unless by approval from the Directorate of Meteorology and Protecting Environment
- 10- Filled gas cylinders, conditional to attach an invoice from the National Gas and Manufacturing Company (GASCO)
- 11- Animals under extinction threat (Commission of Protecting & Developing Wild Life)

Important Note:

This list is subject to change on a regular basis and should not be considered as a full and comprehensive list. Should you be worried about items being brought into the country please check first!