



## CUSTOMS INFORMATION



## KUWAIT

**\*NOTE: THAT CUSTOMERS ARE HAVING PROBLEMS CLEARING THE RESTRICTED ITEMS SHOWN BELOW THROUGH CUSTOMS AND SIGNIFICANT LOSS AND DAMAGE HAVE BEEN REPORTED.**

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Passport (two copies of info page and Residence Permit page)
- Visa
- Residence Permit (Kiama)
- Temporary Import License
- "No Objection Certificate" required from the Ministry of Interior
- Declaration from employer that customer is employed by a specific firm
- Letter from employer stating customer's purpose of stay
- Descriptive inventory (original) showing brand name, make and model of all items
- Invoice and Certificate of Origin (bearing manufacturer's name and address) for new items and personal computers
- Authorization letter in Arabic to clear shipments. This can be obtained from the consigned upon arrival in Kuwait
- Copy of Civil ID (Kuwait ID card)
- Inventory showing gross weight and number of packages

### CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- **CUSTOMER'S PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR CUSTOMS**
- Original passport required when shipper is present for clearance
- Personal effects such as clothing and books are permitted duty-free provided they arrive by air
- Used household goods are permitted, but subject to duty
- All shipments inspected
- All diplomatic shipments must be clearly noted on all documents

### DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Electronic items included in shipment will delay Customs and subject to approval by Ministry of Commercial Industry
- PC's, radio transmitters, and wireless telephones, require a special permit and are subject to approval by the Ministry of Telecommunications
- Medication and foodstuff (subject to special approval and inspection by the Ministry of Health), must be packed separately
- New items
- Pesticides/insecticides, paints, chemicals subject to approval by Environmental Protection Authority

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Prohibited goods **MUST NOT BE INCLUDED** with the goods being shipped
- Prohibited items detained by customs will be destroyed without shipper's consent
- All types of weapons, ammunition and explosives, including antique and ornamental examples
- Narcotics and drugs
- Pork products
- Alcoholic beverages of any type, including beer and wine-making kits
- Gambling equipment
- Pornographic or political, military literature or controversial materials
- Objects or images which could be construed as a graven image or contrary to Islamic morality
- **\*ALL PRINTED MATTER, BOOKS, PICTURES, RECORDS, DVDs, FILMS, TAPES, SLIDES, MOVIES, VIDEOS, COMPACT DISCS, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, ETC. ARE SUBJECT TO CENSORSHIP AND CONFISCATION (MUST BE PACKED SEPARATELY FOR EASY ACCESS)**
- Items made out of ivory
- Any prohibited items in shipment will be confiscated and may be destroyed without the customer's consent
- Products of Israeli origin
- Political or religious literature which may be deemed offensive to the Kuwait government or the Islamic faith

## MOTOR VEHICLES

- **OWNER'S PRESENCE REQUIRED AT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR ANY VEHICLE**
- Non-Kuwaiti individuals/firms are not allowed to import vehicles into Kuwait
- Vehicles subject to duties
- Used vehicles over five years old are not permitted
- Owner of the vehicle must have a valid Residence Permit in order to import an auto
- Contact destination agent prior to importation to obtain current regulations
- Documents required:
  - Registration Certificate
  - Purchase Invoice

## PETS

- Importation discouraged due to climate
- Rabies vaccination and valid health certificate