
Customs Regulations for Household Goods & Personal Effects



Customs Regulations on HHG

1) Expatriates: For regional offices, if the name of the person is on the registration certificate of the office at the Ministry of Trade and Commerce (usually it is if the person is the acting manager with signature authority,) then the goods will get exempted from custom duties. The exemption is considered under the assumption that the HHG are used and not new. If the client's name is not mentioned on the office registration certificate, but is an employee of the company, then the company should address the Custom Department along with the shipping document & P/L requesting their approval to exempt the shipment from custom duties & taxes.

2) Diplomats: A diplomat must be in Jordan prior to his/her HHG arrival. They are required first to register with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through their Embassy for them to be granted exemption status of custom duties and taxes on their HHG & Cars.

3) Returning Jordanian: Must be a Jordanian citizen with a valid passport (the passport must show the national I.D. number on it). The passport should show a cancelled residence permit abroad (i.e. he/she is actually returning to the country to reside.) Documents supporting this claim such as 1) copy of a residential rental agreement &/or 2) client's children registration forms in Jordanian schools (if client has young children) are very helpful. If the HHG, electronics & electrical equipment are considered used (Inspector's judgment), then the shipment is exempted from paying custom duties and taxes.

Customs Regulations on Vehicles:

1. Any passenger car operating on diesel is NOT ALLOWED
2. If the consignee is duty exempt (i.e. a diplomat) then the car would be tax exempt as well.
3. If the consignee is a foreigner, is not tax exempt, and the car is registered in his/her name, then the vehicle can be imported on a temporary entry basis for 3 months. After 3 months, the temporary entry plates can be renewed for an additional 3 months, after which the car would have to leave the country.
4. Otherwise, if the consignee is in Jordan for more than 6 months, and does not have tax exemption status, then he/she are allowed to bring their vehicle into the country, but they would have to pay full customs duties.
5. If the consignee is a returning Jordanian then s/he would have to pay customs duties in all cases, unless the same car was exported earlier from Jordan (all customs duties paid), and is now being re-imported.

Duty & Taxes:

- Generally, customs taxes/duties on HHG & P.E are about 47% of CIF value.
- Duties/taxes on electronics are also about 47% of the declared value of the goods.
- Customs duties on vehicles depend on the size of the engine and the model year.

Prohibited Items

- Weapons & Ammunition
- Drugs & Narcotics
- Pornography

Restrictions

- Alcoholic beverages except 2 ltrs per person
- Wireless Equipment (CB, Walkie Talkies)
- All video tapes, Cassettes, CD's & printed materials to be inspected by the censorship department.

Required Documents:

- Export Way Bill / Instructions
- OBL / HBL /AWB / HAWB
- Valued Packing List / Inventory
- Copies of Consignee's Passport
- Authorization letter to clear goods on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian bank
- Residence and/or work permit in Jordan

Duration of clearance procedures & release of shipments:

- Air freight shipments: 2 working days
 - Sea freight shipments: 5 - 7 working days
- (Provided all documents are in hand and in order)**