

QATAR

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	 Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release Detailed inventory Passport copy with Qatar work / residence permits. No-Objection letter to import HHG's into the country (typed in Arabic) on the original letter head of employer / sponsor in Qatar. 	There will be no custom duty for USED PERSONAL EFFECTS and HHG.	 Shipments to be declared as used household goods and personal effects. Computer equipment requires a separate clearance procedure through Qatar customs. If a computer is included in the shipment, specifications should be sent prior to arrival in order to obtain Qatar Telecommunication approval. CDs and DVDs are subject to censorship department approval. This process will take up to 14 days. LCL shipments arriving POE Doha are taking up to two weeks in port to be de-consolidated. Therefore, Customs clearance and delivery after vessel arrival can take up to three weeks. Groupage shipments are causing considerable problems, as the complete content of the container is off-loaded before Customs clearance can begin. No one is allowed to have access to the goods until Customs officials have completed clearance, leading to problems during repacking. All shipments are subject to 100% physical inspection.

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Diplomatic removals	 Original B/L or AWB Detailed inventory Letter of protocol from the relevant Embassy must be processed with the Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 	Once protocol letter received, shipment is normally allowed inspection and duty free clearance into Qatar but this remains at the discretion of the customs director.	
New furniture	 Legalised CIF invoice Certificate of origin Inventory B/L or AWB 	Duty: 5% on CIF value plus legalization charges.	Invoice and C/O have to be endorsed by a Qatar Embassy at origin and received by destination agent prior to shipment's arrival.
Motor vehicles	 Original registration certificate Insurance policy Invoice (if available) 	5% duty plus legalization charges on CIF value may be charged at the discretion of customs. For all vehicle(s) older than one year, a pre- alert, with all details included, is required seven to ten days in advance of vehicle(s) arrival.	For registration: Proof of ownership at origin and original import manifest are required. Owner must be resident in Qatar prior registration in her/his name. Possibility for a single shipper to import more than one vehicle. Import of vehicles older than five years is forbidden.
Cats & dogs	 Health certificate dated no more than 2 weeks prior to date of arrival Import licence issued in Qatar 	Following dogs require at least 2 weeks notice and may be rejected: Boxers, Bulldogs, Rottweilers, Pugs, Great Danes, Dobermans, Shar Pei's and Japanese Akitas.	Health certificate has to be issued by government approved veterinary clinics and faxed at least 3 days prior to arrival.
Alcoholic beverages, pork, wireless transmitters/receivers, fire arms, explosives, narcotics, swords, daggers and pornographic material, items made out of ivory		Prohibited	All prohibited articles detained by customs may be destroyed without consignee's consent
Audio/video tapes, books and CDs		Subject to screening by the Ministry of Information	Returned within 14 working days.

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