



IMPORTING PERSONAL PROPERTY INTO SYRIA

IMPORTING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

DUTY FREE ENTRY IS PERMITTED IF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:

- Items have been used for at least two years prior to import.
- Items are personal household effects and furniture, and are limited to one of the following: Refrigerator, stove, freezer, washing machine, dishwasher or carpet.

Notes:

- Foreign Diplomats and United Nations members are exempt from most Customs duties and taxes, provided necessary documents are received.
- Shipper must be present at time of customs clearance.
- Goods must arrive in Syria within 6 months of arrival of owner
- Goods must be retained by owner for at least three years while in Syria
- All items must be re-exported at time of work visa termination

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Typewritten inventory in English/French
- ✓ List of electric appliances (including make, year and serial numbers)
- ✓ Foreigners on work contract must obtain a temporary import license from Customs
- ✓ All original documents for computers, radios, televisions and stereos
- ✓ Certificate of start of work at the country of origin

Syrian Nationals

Must present the following documents in addition to those listed above:

- ✓ Certificate of change of residence from the Syrian Embassy at origin

- ✓ List of household goods in ARABIC duly certified from the Syrian Embassy at origin.
- ✓ Emigrant book from the Syrian Embassy
- ✓ Lease of house, receipts of electricity and/or water at origin
- ✓ Passport & Syrian identity card

IMPORTING AUTOMOBILES

- Duty-free entry under temporary admission regime
- Road taxes must be paid in full
- Vehicle must be for personal use only
- Diesel engines are not permitted
- The customs clearance cannot be done before the arrival of the owner in Syria
- Vehicle must be cleared by customs within 4 months of Owner's arrival
- Vehicle must be re-exported from Syria at the end of the work permit
- Officials recommend that the car be new

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Proof of ownership of vehicle
- ✓ Green card
- ✓ Work permit for Syria
- ✓ Residence card for Syria
- ✓ Permit from the Syrian General Directorate of Customs for the clearance under temporary admission
- ✓ Letter of guarantee from client principals
- ✓ License of importation

Notes:

- Vehicles are NOT permitted for Syrian Nationals.
- Diplomats and United Nations members are exempt from all road taxes and duties

PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- New furniture and household goods
- Works of art
- Weapons
- Radio transmitters
- Political or military literature
- Drugs
- Antiques
- Inheritance Items
- Motorcycles
- Items restricted to Diplomatic Offices and United Nation Members only:
 - Alcohol, Tobacco, Domestic
 - Animals, Plants
- Computers, CDs, videotapes etc. are subject to censorship.

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- Nazha Freight Company, 2004.
- www.excessbaggage.com, 2001
- Dahbar & Hammami Co., 1998

The information presented herein is based on customs data available at the time of printing and is frequently subject to change without notice. It is the responsibility of the owner or importer of the household goods to comply with the current customs restrictions, regulations, and duties of the country to which the goods are imported. We strongly advise customers to contact the consulate or embassy of the destination country for the most current information on customs regulations, restrictions and duties for importing household goods, personal effects and vehicles.