



## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION FOR IMPORTS

### HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

#### Documents Required

- Copy of Passport
- Detailed inventory
- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Copy of Air Waybill (AWB)
- Visa with Entry Stamp (foreigners)
- Kuwait Civil ID (returning citizens)
- Certificate of Origin showing complete name and address of manufacturer (applies to new items)
- Copy of Identification Card issued by Embassy (Diplomats)
- Exemption Certificate from Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Diplomats)
- Commercial Invoice, if applicable

#### Specific Information

- The Certificate of Origin and the Commercial Invoice must be stamped by the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce.
- On items deemed “commercial” by Kuwaiti Customs, a Customs duty of 5% will be charged on the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value of all items.
- Diplomats are permitted duty-free entry.

### MOTOR VEHICLES

#### Documents Required

- Certificate of import
- Proof of ownership
- Mechanical certificate from origin stamped by the Public Port Authority in Kuwait.
- OBL

#### Specific Information

- Customs duties are charged at a rate of 5% on the value of the vehicle as estimated by Kuwait Customs in addition to bank charges.
- Motor vehicles older than 5 years cannot be imported.
- Only residents are permitted to import vehicles.

### PETS

#### Documents Required

- Vaccination Record
- Veterinary Health Certificate

#### Specific Information

- Only certain animal species may be imported (cats, dogs, birds, etc.); contact the destination agent for specific information.

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## RESTRICTED / DUTIABLE ITEMS

- Books, audio/video tapes, and music may be imported but are subject to censorship.
- Items manufactured by companies on the Israeli Boycott List will be confiscated.
- The inclusion of medicine and drugs for medicinal purposes will invariably cause delays in clearance. A special release order from the Ministry of Health is required.
- Computer modems are subject to registration and an initial fee levied by the Ministry of Communication of approximately \$400 USD and a renewable fee of \$400 USD per year; this is not a customs requirement but a requirement of the Ministry of Communication and is administered by the Department of Customs.
- Do not include new electronic items in shipments.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Alcohol (including but not restricted to liquors, wine and beer) as well as alcohol producing kits/machinery
- Pork products
- Pornographic books, magazines and other media
- "Walkie-Talkie" type radios
- Narcotics, drugs, stimulants
- Weapons, including antique weapons, firearms and ammunition
- All materials and products connected with or manufactured by Israel

## CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**Recommended:** Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

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### Helpful Website(s):

<http://www.da.gov.kw/eng>

<http://www.kuwaitembassy.us>

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_944.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_944.html)