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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Express Bill of Lading or Original Bill of lading. ▪ Original Airway bill. ▪ Clear copy of the Packing list in English. ▪ Copy of the Passport with a valid Residence permit endorsed for all shipments. ▪ Authorisation Letter. ▪ House Lease Agreement Copy. ▪ Original Vehicle Ownership Title. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All shipments are subject to 100% inspection at the port/airport. ▪ New items will attract a duty of 5% & 10 % VAT. ▪ Whether old or new, customs duty would apply on personal computers, piano or musical instruments (5%), videos (approx. US\$ 0,55 per video as screening fee), foodstuff (5%). ▪ Duty free on to CDs, DVDs, LDs, VCDs unless large quantities are imported. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consignee's physical presence is not mandatory for Customs clearance (however consignee can always be present if wish to attend the clearance process except for overland shipments). ▪ All used HHGs are allowed free of duty but subject to owner having a valid Residence Permit. ▪ A clear copy of the Bahrain Residence Permit with Ministry stamp & QR Code printed version is mandatory for customs clearance. ▪ Items contained in the shipment must be for personal use and cannot be used for commercial purposes. ▪ DVD's/magazines are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Interior for pornographic literature, banned books, etc. ▪ Customs and Port Authority will remain closed on Fridays and Saturdays. ▪ For more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ http://www.bahraincustoms.gov.bh/ ▪ http://www.mofa.gov.bh/washington/Home.aspx
Diplomatic removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Express or Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original Airway-bill. ▪ Clear copy of the packing List ▪ Duty Exemption Certificate from the Ministry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty free clearance. ▪ No physical Customs inspection. Only scanning. ▪ Firearms prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medicines are subject to prescription by a doctor and should be in Arabic or English. ▪ Wines, spirits and alcohol subject to customs duty at customs discretion. Please check

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> of Foreign Affairs. ▪ Copy of diplomatic passport or ID. 		with your Embassy prior to shipping.
Commodity shipments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Commercial invoice, which must indicate currency, C & F value. ▪ Amount of packages, weight/measurement manufacturer's name, and country of origin. ▪ Packing List. ▪ Insurance Certificate (if insured). ▪ Certificate of Origin (legalised). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to 5% customs duty on CIF value. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All shipments are subject to the Customs inspection.
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial invoice on new vehicles. ▪ Original Bill of Lading or Express Bill of Lading. ▪ Certificate of ownership OR Export certificate from country of origin. ▪ Car condition report. ▪ Proof of insurance. ▪ No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (for diplomats). ▪ Residence Permit for at least 18 months (non-citizens). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5 yrs or older Motor Vehicles not allowed to be imported. ▪ VAT is applicable at 10% of the value assessed by the customs (CIF). ▪ Customs duty payable at 5% of the value assessed by the customs (CIF). ▪ Port handling fee payable by the customer. ▪ Consignee has to arrange for Local Insurance prior to custom clearance and removal of car from Customs and Port. ▪ Valid insurance is required. ▪ The shipper must arrange to obtain the Central Population Registration (CPR) card through the employer's HR department. ▪ Once the CPR is obtained, the shipper may obtain a temporary license plate. ▪ Consignee must be present for customs inspection. ▪ Cars older than 5 years cannot be imported - For more information: http://www.bna.bh/portal/en/news/702363 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation allowed for left hand drive vehicles only. ▪ Vehicles should not be shipped with a full gasoline tank. ▪ Ocean freight shipment can be cleared without a residence permit with a deposit payable at clearance. The deposit amount will be refunded once the residence permit is stamped (+/- 2 weeks) (For non-citizens).
Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of the Airway-bill. ▪ Vaccination certificate. ▪ Import permit. ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Import licence to be obtained prior to booking the pets. ▪ The Veterinary Health Certificate must state that the animal is free from disease and is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upon completion of Customs formalities all pets will be sent to the government quarantine centre. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quarantine is normally for a month.

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		fully vaccinated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consignee has to make his own feeding arrangements for the pet during quarantine. ▪ Pets may only be transported as cargo; however, assistive animals may be able to travel in the aircraft cabin.
Prohibited Items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narcotics and Drugs. ▪ Flammable Items. ▪ Ivory. ▪ Pornographic materials (DVDs and magazines are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Interior). ▪ Pirated DVDs and VCDs. ▪ Swords. ▪ Naked statues and naked paintings. ▪ Knives, daggers (ornamental, etc.). ▪ Wireless equipment. ▪ Satellite, receivers, cordless telephones, walkie-talkies. ▪ Guns, arrows, darts. ▪ Military clothes. ▪ Gambling games. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fire gun, shot gun, sea gun, military clothes, sword, two-side knives (even those pre-packed as souvenirs), arrow or dart, dagger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs will hold the entire shipment if necessary ▪ If required, local police authorities will be called. ▪ Wireless equipment like remote controlled choppers, airplanes, boats, satellite dish antennas, and weapons of any nature – even those pre-packed as souvenirs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs will hold the entire shipment if necessary ▪ If required, local police authorities will be called in should any types of guns, ammunition, souvenir daggers and remote controlled devices be found.
Alcoholic beverages		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Importation allowed if part of a removal. ▪ Customs duty / VAT applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs duty and VAT will be assessed by Customs.



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