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Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	Original inventory + copy. 2 originals OBL and 1 copy. Insurance Policy. Passport copy with residence visa stamped or letter from sponsor indicating visa has been applied for.	Importation is allowed provided the shipment consists of personal effects and used household goods. All used personal effects and household goods are exempted of duty. Brand new items will attract Custom duty and if the invoice is not provided for the same items, Custom Inspectors will assess a value for the same and on the assessed value 5 % will be levied as Customs duty. For duty purposes the inventory should not state value of items.	All customers have to be present in the U.A.E. at the time of customs clearance of their shipment. All shipments must arrive preferably within a month upon customer's arrival in U.A.E. and shippers must produce their respective passport copy with valid entry stamp. Shipments of Personal effects may or may not attract customs duty (currently 5% of the value assessed by customs) which is at the discretion of the customs authorities. Mostly all shipments will go through a 100% physical inspection and therefore it is necessary to pack all books, CD's, video's, DVD, magazines in separate cartons and marked clearly so that they can be easily identified by customs and released if in order quickly.
Diplomats' removals	Same as above, plus: Letter from Ministry of foreign affairs for exemption of customs duty. B/L should mention that it is Diplomatic Cargo.	Free of national & local duties.	Marine police and customs authorities may inspect cargo.
Commodity shipments	Legalised CIF invoice. Certificate of Origin. Copy consignee's trade licence. Inventory. 2 original OBL and 1 copy. Insurance Policy.	Subject to 4% duties on the CIF value.	
Motor vehicles	Commercial invoice/original purchase	Importation is allowed provided the vehicle	After the vehicle is Customs cleared in the UAE,

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	<p>invoice. 2 original OBL and 1 copy. Insurance policy. Proof of ownership. Consignee has to be present for customs inspection.</p>	<p>meets UAE specifications.</p> <p>Vehicles new or used are subject to 4% duties on CIF value.</p> <p>B/L should specify engine n°, chassis n°, make, model and colour.</p>	<p>the Customs Authorities will issue a vehicle clearance certificate which should be submitted to the Local Traffic Authority to register the car in the name of the Owner/Consignee only.</p> <p>Prior to exportation, the registration of the car should be de-registered near the local traffic authority.</p>
Pets	<p>Health certificate. AWB.</p>	<p>If part of a removal, duty free entry.</p>	<p>The health certificate is to be obtained at the originating station. This certificate should be sent to the destination agent at least two to three weeks prior to the actual sending of the pet to the UAE. The certificate is valid for only seven days. The destination agent should take the same certificate to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in UAE who will issue an Import License for the same pet and that will be sent to the origin agent to be handed over to the owner of the pet. This original Import License along with a copy of the Health Certificate should be attached to the AWB accompanying the pet.</p> <p>Prior to the export of a pet, a Health Certificate should be obtained from a qualified and registered Veterinary Doctor in UAE, which needs to be presented to the airlines.</p>
Prohibited items		<p>Weapons, firearms (real or ornamental), ammunition, fire crackers, swords, daggers, spears, etc, military uniform or equipment, alcohol, narcotics of all kinds even poppy seeds and flowers, leaves etc, banned drugs and medicines, medicines in large quantities even obtained under prescription and for the consignee's own use, radio transmitter or communication equipment, statues and figures</p>	<p>If any of these items is found in the shipment during the inspection by the UAE Customs, the same will be confiscated and in some cases, explanation will be asked from the consignees and severe punishment will be imposed including fine imprisonment.</p>



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		of animals with religious undertone, carvings and statues of humans especially in nude, pornographic materials, foodstuff in large quantities, religious books other than dealing with Islamic beliefs, controversial political literature and materials contrary to an Islamic State's principles.	
Restricted items		Records, tapes, films, photographs, books, magazines, periodicals, etc. Live plants, seeds, fresh fruits and flowers are coming under restricted items, if found objectionable, they will destroy the same and never return these to the consignee.	These items will be subject to review and censorship by the UAE Ministry of Information. These items will be released if nothing abnormal is found. This procedure will take from 10 to 15 days.
Dangerous items		Combustible liquids, corrosives, explosives, flammable, compressed gases.	Please contact your agent should you have any questions concerning these dangerous items. If any of these items were shipped, this would put you and your company liable for damages and compensation under international law, which is also applicable in UAE.

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