

Yemen Country Guide

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB) (a bank endorsement is required for commercial shipments)
- Detailed inventory
- Work permit
- Letter of guarantee
- Tax card (commercial shipments)
- Import license (commercial shipments)
- Sales tax certificate (commercial shipments)
- Customs deal card (commercial shipments)
- Bank form 11 (commercial shipments)
- Invoice (bank endorsement is required) (commercial shipments)
- Receipt for expenses from bank (commercial shipments)
- Certificate of origin, legalized (commercial shipments)
- Radiation certificate (commercial shipments)

Specific Information

- Diplomats, embassy personnel and persons with a bank letter of guarantee may import shipments duty free.
The letter of guarantee must cover duties or a cash payment as determined by Customs is required.
- Letter of guarantee shipments are 100% reimbursable when the goods are reexported.
- Commercial shipments are subject to duty payments, sales tax, and service fees.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Certificate of origin
- OBL / AWB
- Certificate of manufacturing (must show date of manufacture)
- Customs deal card (for projects and companies)

Specific Information

- Only vehicles less than 4 years old may be imported.
- Diplomats and persons guaranteed by a Yemen Ministry may import vehicles duty free; otherwise, Customs duties must be paid. Letter of
- guarantees are not accepted for vehicle imports.
- Vehicles with “trip tickets” are allowed to enter only on tourist basis and for not more than 3 months.

An extension may be applied for an additional 3 months.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit from the Veterinary Office, Department of Agriculture, Yemen

Specific Information

The import of birds (live or bird products) requires approval from the local authorities.

Contact the destination agent for specific information.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Videotapes, cassettes, records and CDs (are subject to inspection)
- Printers and scanners (authorization by the Ministry of the Interior is required; the operation manual must accompany the item)
- Fax machines (authorization from the Ministry of Telecommunications is required)
- Books and paintings (are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Culture prior to clearance)
- Firearms (a special license is required)
- Food Products:
 - Food items are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to Customs clearance.
 - Approval from the Ministry of Health and Atomic Energy is required for import.
 - If the items are shipped for commercial purposes, the following must be identified on each carton:

Product name and expiration

- Manufacturing date
- Name of the owner of the goods

Prohibited Items

- Alcohol
- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic materials
- Subversive literature
- Ink jet printers or work stations

Consignment Instructions

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

Cultural and Other Information

CIA World Factbook

Wikipedia Entry for Yemen