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**JORDAN - Customs Imports Regulations**  
**for Personal Effects and Household Goods (as of Feb 2020)**

*Normally, all used household goods and personal effects are subject to customs duty and VAT with the exception of the following parties:*

**Diplomatic Status Residents:**

Residents who are assigned a diplomatic status in Jordan by (a Diplomatic Mission, UN agency or any other Approved Development Project Office) are entitled for full exemption of customs duty and VAT.

This exemption must be arranged through their mission by submitting “customs exemption application” to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Planning along with a copy of the packing list and bill of lading / airway bill.

**Please note that this process needs approximately four - six working weeks, and it starts ONLY after the staff is physically arrived to Jordan; first stage is to obtain his/her Residence Permit and then the exemption application is filed with the respective authority.**

**ALL DIPLOMATIC SHIPMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO X-RAY INSPECTION BUT NOT ACTUAL, HOWEVER THE PACKING LIST MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED UPON PROTOCOLS.**

**Returning Jordanians:**

Jordanian citizens with valid passport, Family book and national I.D. are also entitled to customs duty and VAT exemption **provided that they have resided outside Jordan** for more than one year for.

**Noting that Exemption Privilege can be obtained once in a lifetime.**

The returnee **must personally be present at the custom point** along with any of the following documents as a proof of domicile in Jordan: a “house deed”, or “house lease”, a school registration certificate for one of his children, or a proof of “cancelled residency permit” from the country he/she is returning from.

**Expatriates:**

**Expatriates serving as directors of Foreign Regional Offices in Jordan** could be entitled for customs Duties and VAT Exemption on their personal effects and house hold goods provided their organization have been provided the privilege of exempting their Employee from the MOFA. In the case where the expatriate is only an employee of this office, then his company can address the Customs Authority to check possibility of granting him exemption, but this is rather a lengthy procedure and time element need to be taken into consideration.

Otherwise, Custom Duties & Taxes will be applicable.

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### **Customs Duty & VAT:**

***Customs duty is computed at 30% of the estimated cost of goods and freight; additionally VAT of 16% of Customs' valuation of Personal Effects and Freight Cost.***

***There is NO NEED to produce commercial invoices for personal effects and household goods shipments and normally, the value declared by the importer (if reasonable) is acceptable.***

### **Customs Regulations for Vehicles:**

- Passenger cars operating on diesel engines cannot be imported into Jordan unless a prior approval and before the vehicle is dispatched is obtained by the mission in Jordan. Such approvals are normally restricted to personal cars of diplomats.
- Duty exempted vehicles belonging to diplomats are cleared at Amman Customs Yard regardless of the POE, while cars that are subject to duties are cleared at Zarka Free Zone Customs Area (40 km north of Amman) unless the cars are brand new i.e. same model year.
- Jordanian citizens with valid 2-year residency permit in the GCC countries may import their own cars on “temporary import” basis for a period of eight months; other expatriates may import their cars on “temporary import” basis for 90 days renewable only for another 90 days provided that these cars carry origin traffic plates of the country where the consignee is residing.
- Any party that wish to keep their cars in Jordan after the expiry of the “temporary import” permit will have to pay the applicable duties, taxes and traffic registration, considering car is not older than 5 years.
- Payment of duties, taxes and traffic licenses for used cars that are more than one year old take place at Zerka Free Zone Customs Area and need around 4 working days.

### **Prohibited Items:**

- Weapons & Ammunition
- Drugs & Narcotics
- Pornography

### **Restrictions:**

- Alcoholic beverages not to exceed 2 liters per person
- Wireless Equipment (CB, Walkie Talkies, Professional Cameras, Ornaments, and any other highly technological equipment)
- Video tapes, Cassettes, CD's & printed materials may be subject to special inspection and approvals.

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### **Ports of Entry:**

- Air freight shipments: Queen Alia International Airport - Amman
- Sea freight shipments: Aqaba Port.
- Land freight shipments: Amman Customs Yard

### **Consignment**

#### **Instructions:**

##### **Consignee:**

Name of Actual Consignee as shown in passport  
C/O client's mission (if any)  
Complete physical address & contact details

##### **Notify Party:**

CML SAFE PAK  
249 Wasfi Al Tal Street, Khalda  
P.O. BOX 851689, Amman 11821 –  
Jordan TEL: (962) 6-5377772 / FAX:  
(962) 6-5377106

#### **Required Documents:**

- Export Way Bill / Instructions
- BL /AWB (Telex Release is accepted for Sea Shipments)
- Packing List / Inventory
- Clear copy of Consignee's Passport
- Jordanian Tax number for transferee
- Authorization Letters (Bank attested for individuals)
- Customs Exemption (for Diplomatic Shipments)

#### **Duration of clearance procedures & release of shipments:**

- Air freight shipments: 2-3 working days
- Sea freight shipments: 7-9 working days
- Land freight shipments: 2 working days

#### **Port Free Days:**

- Airport: 24 hours including arrival day.
- Port: 6 days including arrival day.