



## Customs Guide **JORDAN**

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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p><b>Household effects - Returning Jordanians</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Export Way Bill / Instructions.</li> <li>▪ OBL / HBL / AWB / HAWB (telex is ok).</li> <li>▪ Packing List / Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Original Passport of the consignee.</li> <li>▪ Authorization letter to obtain delivery order on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian bank.</li> <li>▪ If duties are applicable, a Jordanian tax number is required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Customs taxes/duties:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On used HHG &amp; P.E are about 52% of CIF value.</li> <li>▪ On electronics are about 52% of the declared value of the goods.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Duty free entry if:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Returning Citizens are Jordanians who spent more than a year abroad. In order to obtain Customs Exemption the following conditions apply as well:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Did not import any personal effects for the past 5 years,</li> <li>▪ Did not import Personal Effects from the same Country.</li> <li>▪ They must hold a valid passport showing their national I.D. number and a cancelled residence permit abroad.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Any of the following documents must be provided by the returning citizen as evidence of termination of residency abroad:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of a residential legalised lease contract or house ownership title in Jordan.</li> <li>▪ Children's registration forms in Jordanian schools.</li> <li>▪ Endorsed new work contract.</li> <li>▪ Letter of termination of employment or the resignation abroad, or visa</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duration of clearance procedures &amp; release of shipments:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Air freight shipments: 2-3 working days</li> <li>▪ Sea freight shipments: 7-9 working days (Provided all documents are in hand and in order).</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Provided free of charges port storage are 7 days including arrival day for sea shipment and 1 day for air shipment.</li> <li>▪ Exemption from duty does not apply to the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All new items and items used less than 30%.</li> <li>▪ Musical instruments.</li> <li>▪ Office equipment.</li> <li>▪ Satellite equipment.</li> <li>▪ Video cameras.</li> <li>▪ CD's.</li> <li>▪ Facsimile machines.</li> <li>▪ Amounts in excess of the permitted duty free allowance per family of 2 pieces of household electrical appliances.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Returning Jordanians and non-Diplomat Foreign Individuals categories:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Importation of household effects should take place within 6 months of owner's date of entry and may arrive in several</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>cancelation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The household effects have been owned and used abroad by the owner and for his continued personal use.</li> <li>3. Effects are used more than 30% (extent of use is normally assessed by Customs officers).</li> </ol>	<p>shipments. Owner or spouse should be physically present in Jordan at time of customs clearance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All shipments are subject to full physical customs inspection. The presence of owner is a MUST in order to answer any of the inspector's questions. If any item is locked, keys should be available.</li> <li>▪ Video and audiocassettes, books, magazines, records &amp; CD's are subject to censorship by the Press &amp; Publications Department and should be packed separately and marked.</li> <li>▪ Cordless telephones will be inspected by the Telecommunications Department. If specifications are not within the permitted criteria, the telephone will be confiscated or the owner has to re-export it at his own expense.</li> <li>▪ Satellite equipment requires the approval of Radio &amp; TV Corp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Therefore, the equipment's catalogue should be made available &amp; removed from the shipment for physical check.</li> <li>▪ As this usually takes some time, a separate customs formality will have to be made at owner's cost.</li> <li>▪ Items found unsuitable will be confiscated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Non Diplomat Foreign Individual</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Export Way Bill / Instructions.</li> <li>▪ OBL / HBL / AWB / HAWB (telex is ok).</li> <li>▪ Packing list / Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Copy of Consignee's Passport.</li> <li>▪ Authorization letter to obtain delivery order on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian Bank or Solicitor.</li> <li>▪ Authorization Letter to proceed with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Custom taxes/duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On used HHG &amp; P.E. are about 52% of CIF value.</li> <li>▪ O electronics are about 52% of the declared value of the goods.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The same above regulations apply.</li> </ul>

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	<p>clearance of shipment on behalf of Consignee notarized by local Jordanian Bank or Solicitor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jordanian Tax Number.</li> </ul>		
<b>Diplomats Removals (&amp; motor vehicles)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Original OBL/AWB or Telex release.</li> <li>▪ Franchise letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Obtained by Embassy on behalf of the Diplomat from the Ministry of Finance/Customs through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ 2 authorization letters to obtain delivery order and custom clear on behalf of consignee.</li> <li>▪ Packing list / Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Passport copy.</li> <li>▪ Jordanian Tax Number.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry.</li> <li>▪ 2 litres of alcohol per shipment is accepted and the rest is subject to duties and taxes of 200% of actual value. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The same should be listed in separate packing list.</li> <li>▪ Diplomats should contact their Embassy to check if any customs exemption would be allowed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A diplomat must be in Jordan prior to his/her HHG arrival, with at least one month.</li> <li>▪ Diplomats need to register with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through their Embassy in order to be granted the exemption status of custom duties and taxes on their HHG &amp; cars.</li> <li>▪ Embassy employees who do not hold a diplomatic customs status are customs exempted but are subject to actual inspection.</li> </ul>
<b>Expatriates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Export Way Bill / Instructions.</li> <li>▪ OBL / HBL / AWB / HAWB.</li> <li>▪ Packing list / Inventory.</li> <li>▪ Copies of Consignee's Passport.</li> <li>▪ 2 authorization letters to obtain delivery order and custom clear on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian bank or a solicitor.</li> <li>▪ Jordanian Tax Number.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Custom taxes/duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ On used HHG &amp; P.E. are about 52% of CIF value.</li> <li>▪ On electronics are about 52% of the declared value of the goods.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OBL.</li> <li>▪ Ownership title.</li> <li>▪ Valid motorcar licence.</li> <li>▪ Valid driving license.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subject to duty and VAT taxes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Importation of motor vehicles older than five years is NOT allowed at present.</li> <li>▪ Passenger cars operating on diesel are NOT ALLOWED.</li> <li>▪ If the consignee is duty exempt (i.e. a diplomat) then the car would be tax exempt as well.</li> <li>▪ If the consignee is a taxed foreigner importing a car in his/her name, then the vehicle can be imported on a temporary</li> </ul>

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			<p>entry basis for a period up to 6 months with a renewal every 3 months. After the temporary period, the car would have to leave the country or the owner would have to pay full customs duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If the consignee is a returning Jordanian then s/he would have to pay customs duties in all cases, unless the same car was exported earlier from Jordan (all customs duties paid) and is now being re-imported.</li> </ul>
<b>Pets and live animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AWB.</li> <li>▪ Owner / birth certificate (Registration certificate).</li> <li>▪ Health certificate.</li> <li>▪ Vaccination certificate.</li> <li>▪ Import license from Agriculture Ministry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Duty free entry.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prohibited items</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Arms, ammunition.</li> <li>▪ Drugs and narcotics.</li> <li>▪ Pornographic literature, films and photographs.</li> </ul>	
<b>General Comment</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exemption from Customs duties does not apply to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All new items.</li> <li>▪ Electric appliances not more than two pieces of each type, excluding the following items where exemption shall cover only one piece of each type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Normal Video Cameras (highly technological ones are prohibited and maybe held under Militaries Custody).</li> <li>▪ Personal Office Equipment.</li> <li>▪ Satellite Receivers and all accessories (Dish, Signal receiver).</li> <li>▪ Musical Appliances.</li> <li>▪ Personal computer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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