

# BRITANNIA MOVERS INTERNATIONAL PLC

## GUIDE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF UNACCOMPANIED PERSONAL EFFECTS- UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (U.A.E)



### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS IMPORTED BY OWNER- REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY

Household and related effects can be imported free of duty tax provided all of the requirements listed below are met:

- A valid U.A.E Residence Visa stamp must be held.
- All customers **must** be present in the U.A.E at the time of customs clearance of their shipment.
- All shipments must arrive preferably within one month upon your arrival in the U.A.E.
- The goods must be your own personal property; and you must have owned and used the items for 12 months or more prior to shipment.

*The bulk of all shipments will go through a 100% physical inspection and therefore it is necessary to pack all books, CD's, Video's, DVD's magazines in separate cartons and marked clearly so that they can be easily identified by customs and released if in order quickly.*

- All brand new items will attract Customs duty at a rate of 5%. Invoices will be required for all new items, should an invoice not be presented then, Customs Inspectors will assess a value for the said items.
- Business category Visa's of 6 months or less will attract Customs duty at 5% of the assessed value of the goods imported.

Unaccompanied personal effects **DO NOT** include the following items:

- motor vehicles
- motor vehicle parts
- commercial goods

### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS IMPORTED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE OWNER

Household effects **cannot** be cleared ahead of the arrival of the owner. Household effects will be placed into Bonded storage awaiting clearance, storage charges will be applied.

#### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be presented to Customs to clear your goods:

- Passport copy with a valid U.A.E Residence/Business Visa stamped.
- A detailed packing list of all the goods.
- An Arrival Notice or Delivery Advice (sea cargo) or Air Waybill (air cargo) (supplied by Britannia).

*N.B Britannia Movers will request for the above documentation prior to export.*

#### RETURNING U.A.E CITIZENS

Returning citizens of U.A.E can bring in household related effects duty free any time. It is however advisable that the importer arrives in the U.A.E within 6 months of shipment. Please speak to your local Britannia representative to find out further information.

#### MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor vehicles are subject to Customs import duty tax at a rate of 5% CIF\*. Importation is allowed to the U.A.E providing the vehicle is over 12 months old. Your local Britannia representative will provide further advice.

*\*CIF – Cost, Insurance and Freight*

#### ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

All forms of alcohol and tobacco are prohibited to import into the U.A.E.

### FIREARM AND WEAPON IMPORTATION

The importation of firearms, weapons and ammunition is strictly prohibited.

### EXTERNAL CHARGES POST ARRIVAL U.A.E

#### PORT STORAGE

10 DAYS FREE TIME  
11<sup>th</sup> DAY ONWARDS USD\$60 PER DAY

***In addition to the following:***

#### LINE STORAGE

6 DAYS FREE TIME  
6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> DAY USD\$20/20" or \$40/40"  
11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> DAY USD\$25/20" or \$50/40"  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> DAY USD\$45/20" or \$90/40"  
21<sup>st</sup> DAY ONWARDS USD\$70/20" or \$140/40"

*ABOVE RATES APPLY PER DAY*

### PROHIBITED ARTICLES

The following are examples of goods that are prohibited. They should not be imported:

*Articles manufactured from wildlife (including but not limited to)*

- elephants, rhinoceros, zebras, antelope, deer, reptiles/snakes, whales, dolphins, feathers, coral and members of the cat family.

*Weapons (including but not limited to)*

- firearms or parts (including air pistols or air rifles), daggers, ammunition, replica firearms, martial arts equipment, spring bladed knives, knuckle dusters.

*Objectionable material (including but not limited to)*

- pornographic material, child pornographic material, child abuse material, material which may promote, incite or instruct in matters of crime or violence or

misuse of a drug or sexual material (including bestiality).

- religious books other than dealing with Islamic beliefs, controversial political literature and materials contrary to an Islamic State's principles.

*Agriculture Products (including but not limited to)*

- all meat products, fresh fruit and vegetables, seeds, bulbs, honey, egg products, straw, wicker-cane and raw wooden products.

*Carvings and statues*

- statues and figures of animals with religious undertone, carvings and statues of humans especially in the nude.

#### **RESTRICTED ARTICLES**

The following goods are prohibited unless a permit is obtained (*including but not limited to*):

- Ivory in any form, including jewellery, and carvings (\*except with CITES certificate).
- Tortoise or sea turtle shell jewellery, and ornaments (\*except with CITES certificate).
- Most herbs and spices.
- Dried flowers, pine cones or seeds.
- Outside equipment- tents, lawnmowers and gardening tools (**OK to import but must be free of soil and plant material**).
- Skins, furs, hunting trophies and animal derived products.
- Equestrian equipment- saddles etc (**OK to import but will require disinfection treatment**).

*\*CITES- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.*

#### **WOODEN PACKAGING**

All wooden packaging including crates, pallets, over cases and chocks must be stamped with ISPM15 for agriculture purposes. If items do not comply to the above, the items may be destroyed, re-exported, fumigated at the owner's expense. If in doubt please ask your local Britannia representative for advice.

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