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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
Removal goods	- UAE Emirates ID - Inventory/packing list copy. - Express or Original BL. - Passport copy and valid UAE residence visa. - Authorization letter to moving company for clearance and collection of documents from shipping line / airline. - Authorization letter addressed to the shipping line for release of delivery order.	- Importation is allowed provided the shipment consists of personal effects and used household goods only. - All used personal effects and household goods are exempted of duty. - Brand new items will attract Custom duty at 5% of the CIF value. - 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, 5% VAT on the duty amount plus processing charges. - If the original invoice is missing for brand new item, a fee of USD 300 will apply.	- UAE residence visa is compulsory for Custom clearance and to get delivery order from shipping line. - Almost all shipments will go through a physical inspection / X –ray. - Therefore, it is necessary and suggested to pack all similar items in nature like 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. - For this physical examination, additional charges are also applicable issued by UAE customs / port authority as warehouse handling.
Diplomats' removals	- Same as above, and below: - Original Letter from Ministry of foreign affairs for exemption of customs duty with importer code. - B/L should mention that it is Diplomatic Cargo.		Same as above.
Commodity shipments	- All original documents and required: - Legalised CIF invoice. - Certificate of Origin from chamber of commerce in origin country - this can be omitted if the invoice mentions the	5% duties on the CIF / invoice value evaluated by UAE Customs. 5% VAT plus processing charges as per the government regulation. If the original documents are missing, a fee of USD 300 will apply.	Flat duty on all kind of items imported as new and having commercial value.

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	- country of origin. - Inventory / packing list. - BL / AWB. - Importers Code with UAE customs.		
Motor vehicles	- Commercial invoice / purchase invoice / ownership proof. - Express or original OBL. - Passport copy. - Residence visa. - Proof of ownership.	- Importation is allowed provided the vehicle meets UAE specifications of left-hand drive and other basics. - Vehicles new or used are subject to 5% duties on CIF Discretion at Government Authorities. 5% VAT plus processing charges as per the government regulation. If the original documents are missing than a fee of USD 300 applicable. - B/L should specify engine n°, chassis n°, make, model and colour etc. in detail.	- Should have an ownership proof from origin country of the vehicle of title deed or similar documental proof. - After the vehicle is Customs cleared in the UAE, 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. - Only 1 car is allowed for each consignee per shipment in a year and prior to exportation, the registration of the car should be de-registered near the local traffic authority.
Pets	- AWB. - Original Export Health certificate issued by the competent Veterinary Authority. - Original proof of vaccination. - Antibody Titration Test for rabies issued by a laboratory approved by the competent authorities of the State of export – except for pets originated from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Andorra, Barbados, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belgium, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, French Polynesia, Falkland Islands, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mauritius, Malta, Macedonia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, United	- Duty and VAT are applicable. - Valid vaccination records for pet with breed, colour, date of birth, sex and microchip number. - It is not allowed to import dogs or cats under 4 months of age into UAE. - In case that the pet is vaccinated for the first time or discontinuity of the vaccination: a period not less than 21 days must pass from the vaccination against rabies. - For non-compliance to import requirements, pets will be rejected at owners' expenses or confiscated.	- The Export Health Certificate, the Certificate for Rabies Serum Neutralization Test, and proof of vaccination are to be obtained at the originating station. - The destination agent will issue an Import Permit for the same pet and that will be sent to the origin agent. The import permit is valid only for one month. A copy of the Import Permit, along with all the other original documents should be attached to the AWB accompanying the pet. - Private individuals are allowed to import only 2 pets. Agents can import unlimited number of pets. - The following breeds are banned to be imported: Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American

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	Kingdom, Vanuatu, Netherlands, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Palau, Latvia, Albania, Croatia, Maldives, Spain except Melilla, Cyprus, Korea, Montenegro, Seychelles, Suriname, Micronesia, Greece, Marshall Islands. ▪ Proof of internal and external parasite treatments in the two weeks prior the flight.		Staffordshire Terrier, American Bully, Brazilian Mastiff (Fila Brasileiro), Argentinian Mastiff (Dogo Argentino), Tibetan Mastiff, Neapolitan Mastiff, French Mastiff (Dogue de Bordeaux), Boerboel, Bullmastiff, Cane Corso (Italian Mastiff), Bully Kutta (Alangu Mastiff, Indian Mastiff), Perro De Presa Canario (Canary Mastiff), Japanese tosa, Presa Canario.
Prohibited items		▪ Weapons, ▪ Firearms (real or ornamental), ▪ Ammunition, ▪ Fire crackers, ▪ Swords, daggers, spears, etc., ▪ Military uniform or equipment, ▪ Alcohol, spirits, narcotics of all kinds ▪ 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 of animals with religious undertone, ▪ Carvings and statues of humans especially in nude, ▪ Pornographic materials, ▪ Gambling material, ▪ Foodstuff in large quantities, ▪ Religious books other than dealing with Islamic beliefs, controversial political literature and materials contrary to an Islamic State's principles.	▪ 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 consignee and severe punishment will be imposed including fine or imprisonment.

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Restricted items		- Records, tapes, films, photographs, books, magazines, periodicals, 2-wheel hover board 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. - Drones - licence from Dubai Civil Aviation Authority is required. - Printed material (brochures, advertising leaflets) – Authorisation from the National Media Council is required.	- 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 tax, which is also applicable in UAE.



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