

Customs

Import & Export guide

Bahrain



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Goods prohibited from Import & Export

- All types of Narcotic Drugs (Heroin, Cocaine, Hashish, Pills having drugs effects etc..)
- Indian Paan and Derivatives
- Used and reconditioned Tyres
- Cultured Pearls
- Advertisement material for all types of Cigarettes
- Radio/ Remote controlled Model Aircraft
- Children’s Toy Guns capable of firing projectiles
- Goods of Israeli origin or bearing Israeli trademarks or logos
- Printed publications, photographs, pictures, books, magazines sculptures and mannequins that contradict Islamic teachings, decency, or immorality.
- Seditious or Treasonable material
- Asbestos or Items containing Asbestos
- Raw Ivory, Ivory articles and Rhinoceros Horn
- Live Swine
- Any other items, whose importation is prohibited under Kingdom of Bahrain Customs laws, or any other laws of the country
- E-cigarettes and electronic hookah

Restricted goods for Import & Export

Controlling Authorities	Goods Categories
Ministry of Environment	Live animals, plants, fertilizers and insecticides
Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Defence / Armed Forces / Ministry of Interior Arms, ammunitions, explosives, and fireworks
Ministry of Health	Any items related to medical / Pharmaceutical
Ministry of Information	Print materials, publications, and media products
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism	New tyres
Telecommunications Regulatory Authority	Transmitters and radio equipment
Ministry of Health (NAHRA)	Foodstuffs, personal care and cosmetic products

IMPORT:

Import requirements for clearance

For Commercial Establishments (General Cargo)

- Detailed original invoice showing country of origin along with HS code of each item.
- Naqel Airwaybill
- Copy of the importer CR (Commercial Registration).
- Copy of Owner/Manager Bahraini ID (CPR)
- Authorization from the importer to customs clearance company (Naqel)
- Subjected to Customs duties.
- Subjected to VAT.

Note: Restricted products require approval from the governing entity.

For Private individuals (General Cargo)

- Detailed original invoice showing country of origin along with HS code of each item
- Naqel Airwaybill
- Copy of the importer ID (If requested by customs).
- Authorization from the importer to customs clearance company (Naqel) in case value is above BHD 100
- For Low value shipments (Below BHD 100) no need for authorization
- Subjected to VAT
- Subjected to Customs duties for high value shipments (above BHD 100)

Note 1: Restricted products require an approval from the governing entity.

Note 2: Certain electronic items have a restricted quantity that is permitted as personal use. Any shipment with such contents as shown below with more than the permitted quantity would be considered a commercial shipment.

Product descriptions	HS Customs Commodity Code	Maximum quantity per shipment
Mobile/cell phone	851712000001 851712000002 851712009999	2
Laptop or tablet	847130000002 847130000003 850440110000	2
Other electronic items		2

Courier commercial shipments:

- Detailed commercial invoice along with HS code of each item.
- Naqel Airwaybill
- Copy of the importer CR.
- Copy of Owner / Manager Bahraini ID (CPR)
- Subjected to Customs duties.
- Subjected to VAT.

Note: Restricted products require approval from the governing entity.

Courier private individual shipments:

The shipment value is BHD 100 and less (Consolidated declaration/ MAWB)

- Detailed original invoice showing country of origin along with HS code of each item
- Naqel Airwaybill
- Subjected to VAT.

Notes: Individual customs declaration is required if the shipment contains any products restricted by governmental entities and an approval for the restricted entity is required.

Customs may request a copy of importer's ID if special approval is needed or in case of revaluation if customs feel the shipment is undervalued.

The shipment value is more than BHD 100

- Itemized commercial invoice with HS code and indication of origin for each item.
- Naqel Airwaybill.

- Personal ID Copy
- Authorization from the importer to customs clearance company (Naqel)
- Subjected to Customs duties.
- Subjected to VAT.

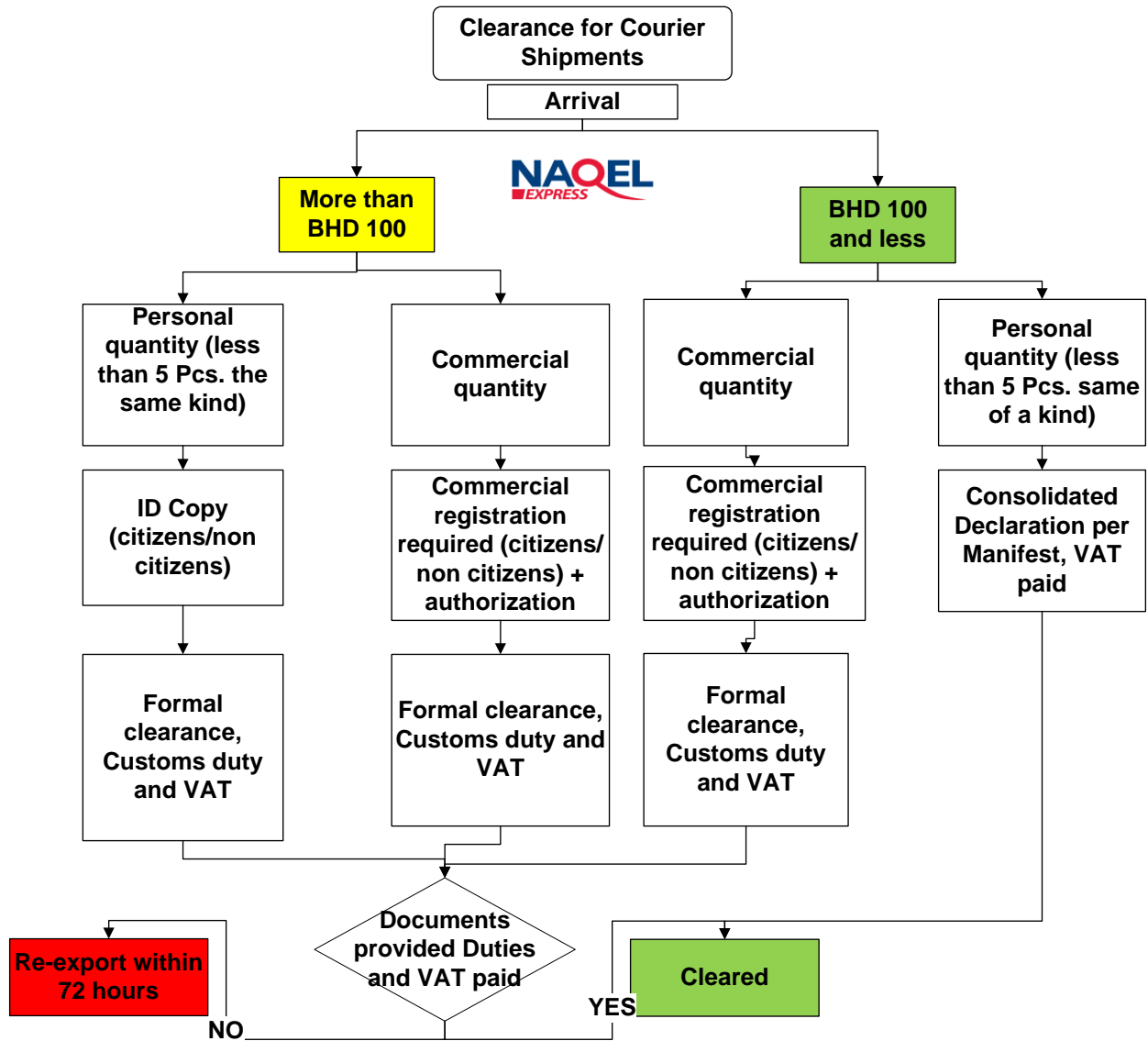
Note 1: Shipments received in a commercial quantity (measured by either items quantity and/ or value) are treated as commercial consignments and commercial clearance procedures must apply for it.

Note 2: Restricted shipments require an approval from the governing entity that restricts the product.

Note 3: Certain electronic items have a restricted quantity that is permitted as personal use. Any shipment with such contents as shown below with more than the permitted quantity would be considered a commercial shipment.

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Summary of Import clearance of shipments sent in Courier Mode



EXPORT

Export requirements for clearance

For Commercial Establishments

- Detailed commercial invoice showing the country of origin along with HS code of each item.
- Waybill.
- Copy of the Exporter CR.
- Authorization from the exporter to customs clearance company (NAQEL).
- Customs Export Fee.

For Private Individuals

- Detailed commercial invoice showing the country of origin along with HS code of each item.
- Naqel Airway bill.
- Copy of the Exporter ID.
- Customs Export fees.

RE-EXPORT

If originally send in Courier Mode:

- a) Undelivered shipments just require:
 - i. Naqel Airway bill ref from import
 - ii. New return Naqel airwaybill
- b) If delivered to the original Receiver but returned afterwards by the Receiver the following is required
 - i. New Naqel airwaybill
 - ii. Detailed commercial invoice along with HS code of each item.
 - iii. Copy of the first import declaration if not originally cleared by Naqel Express.

If originally send in General Cargo Mode:

- Copy of the first import declaration.
- Air Waybill.
- Re-export declaration, payment of customs duties.
- Detailed commercial invoice along with HS code of each item.