

Yemen Country Guide - IAM

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Used Household Goods and Personal Effects

Documents Required

- Passport
- Original bill of lading (OBL) / air waybill (AWB) (a bank endorsement is required for commercial shipments)
- Detailed inventory
- Work permit
- Letter of guarantee
- Tax card (commercial shipments)
- Import license (commercial shipments)
- Sales tax certificate (commercial shipments)
- Customs deal card (commercial shipments)
- Bank form 11 (commercial shipments)
- Invoice (bank endorsement is required) (commercial shipments)
- Receipt for expenses from bank (commercial shipments)
- Certificate of origin, legalized (commercial shipments)
- Radiation certificate (commercial shipments)

Specific Information

- Diplomats, embassy personnel and persons with a bank letter of guarantee may import shipments duty free.
 - The letter of guarantee must cover duties or a cash payment as determined by Customs is required.
- Letter of guarantee shipments are 100% reimbursable when the goods are re-exported.
- Commercial shipments are subject to duty payments, sales tax, and service fees.

Motor Vehicles

Documents Required

- Certificate of origin
- OBL / AWB
- Certificate of manufacturing (must show date of manufacture)
- Customs deal card (for projects and companies)

Specific Information

- Only vehicles less than 4 years old may be imported.
- Diplomats and persons guaranteed by a Yemen Ministry may import vehicles duty free; otherwise, Customs duties must be paid.
- Letter of guarantees are not accepted for vehicle imports.
- Vehicles with “trip tickets” are allowed to enter only on tourist basis and for not more than 3 months.
 - An extension may be applied for an additional 3 months.

Pets

Documents Required

- Vaccination record
- Veterinary health certificate
- Import permit from the Veterinary Office, Department of Agriculture, Yemen

Specific Information

- The import of birds (live or bird products) requires approval from the local authorities.
 - Contact the destination agent for specific information.

Restricted/Dutiable Items

- Videotapes, cassettes, records and CDs (are subject to inspection)
- Printers and scanners (authorization by the Ministry of the Interior is required; the operation manual must accompany the item)
- Fax machines (authorization from the Ministry of Telecommunications is required)
- Books and paintings (are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Culture prior to clearance)
- Firearms (a special license is required)
- Food Products:
 - Food items are subject to inspection by the Ministry of Agriculture prior to Customs clearance.
 - Approval from the Ministry of Health and Atomic Energy is required for import.
 - If the items are shipped for commercial purposes, the following must be identified on each carton:
 - Product name and expiration
 - Manufacturing date
 - Name of the owner of the goods

Prohibited Items

- Alcohol
- Drugs and narcotics
- Pornographic materials
- Subversive literature
- Ink jet printers or work stations

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea shipments.

Helpful Website(s):

<http://www.state.gov/p/nea/ci/ym>

<http://www.yemenembassy.org/>

Cultural and Other Information

[CIA World Factbook Entry for Yemen](#)

[Wikipedia Entry for Yemen](#)