# Customs guide JORDAN

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## GOODS

### Household effects - Returning Jordanians

- Export Way Bill / Instructions.
- OBL / HBL / AWB / HAWB (telex is ok).
- Packing List / Inventory.
- Original Passport of the consignee.
- Authorization letter to obtain delivery order on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian bank.
- If duties are applicable, a Jordanian tax number is required.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

### CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS

- Customs taxes/duties:
  - On used HHG & P.E are about 52% of CIF value.
  - On electronics are about 52% of the declared value of the goods.

- Duty free entry if:
  1. Returning Citizens are Jordanians who spent more than a year abroad. In order to obtain Customs Exemption the following conditions apply as well:
     - Did not import any personal effects for the past 5 years,
     - Did not import Personal Effects from the same Country,
     - They must hold a valid passport showing their national I.D. number and a cancelled residence permit abroad.
  2. Any of the following documents must be provided by the returning citizen as evidence of termination of residency abroad:
     - Copy of a residential legalised lease contract or house ownership title in Jordan.
     - Children’s registration forms in Jordanian schools.
     - Endorsed new work contract.
     - Letter of termination of employment or the resignation abroad, or visa

### REMARKS

- Duration of clearance procedures & release of shipments:
  - Air freight shipments: 2-3 working days
  - Sea freight shipments: 7-9 working days
  - Provided all documents are in hand and in order).
  - Provided free of charges port storage are 7 days including arrival day for sea shipment and 1 day for air shipment.

- Exemption from duty does not apply to the following:
  - All new items and items used less than 30%.
  - Musical instruments.
  - Office equipment.
  - Satellite equipment.
  - Video cameras.
  - CD’s.
  - Facsimile machines.
  - Amounts in excess of the permitted duty free allowance per family of 2 pieces of household electrical appliances.

- Returning Jordanians and non-Diplomat Foreign Individuals categories:
  - Importation of household effects should take place within 6 months of owner’s date of entry and may arrive in several
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| Non Diplomat Foreign Individual | • Export Way Bill / Instructions.  
• OBL / HBL / AWB / HAWB (telex is ok).  
• Packing list / Inventory.  
• Copy of Consignee’s Passport.  
• Authorization letter to obtain delivery order on behalf of consignee, notarized by local Jordanian Bank or Solicitor.  
• Authorization Letter to proceed with | 2. The household effects have been owned and used abroad by the owner and for his continued personal use.  
3. Effects are used more than 30% (extent of use is normally assessed by Customs officers).  
shipments. Owner or spouse should be physically present in Jordan at time of customs clearance.  
• 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.  
• Video and audiocassettes, books, magazines, records & CD’s are subject to censorship by the Press & Publications Department and should be packed separately and marked.  
• 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.  
• Satellite equipment requires the approval of Radio & TV Corp.  
  ▪ Therefore, the equipment’s catalogue should be made available & removed from the shipment for physical check.  
  ▪ As this usually takes some time, a separate customs formality will have to be made at owner’s cost.  
  ▪ Items found unsuitable will be confiscated. |  |
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|            | clearance of shipment on behalf of Consignee notarized by local Jordanian Bank or Solicitor. | - Duty free entry.  
  - 2 litres of alcohol per shipment is accepted and the rest is subject to duties and taxes of 200% of actual value.  
  - The same should be listed in separate packing list.  
  - Diplomats should contact their Embassy to check if any customs exemption would be allowed. | - A diplomat must be in Jordan prior to his/her HHG arrival, with at least one month.  
  - 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 & cars.  
  - Embassy employees who do not hold a diplomatic customs status are customs exempted but are subject to actual inspection. |
| Diplomats  | - Original OBL/AWB or Telex release.  
  - Franchise letter.  
  - Obtained by Embassy on behalf of the Diplomat from the Ministry of Finance/Customs through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.  
  - 2 authorization letters to obtain delivery order and custom clear on behalf of consignee.  
  - Packing list / Inventory.  
  - Passport copy.  
  - Jordanian Tax Number. | - Custom taxes/duties:  
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| Pets and live animals | - AWB.  
- Owner / birth certificate (Registration certificate).  
- Health certificate.  
- Vaccination certificate.  
- Import license from Agriculture Ministry. | - Duty free entry. | 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.  
- 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. |
| Prohibited items | - Arms, ammunition.  
- Drugs and narcotics.  
- Pornographic literature, films and photographs. | | |
| General Comment | - Exemption from Customs duties does not apply to the following:  
- All new items.  
- Electric appliances not more than two pieces of each type, excluding the following items where exemption shall cover only one piece of each type:  
  - Normal Video Cameras (highly technological ones are prohibited and maybe held under Military custody).  
  - Personal Office Equipment.  
  - Satellite Receivers and all accessories (Dish, Signal receiver).  
  - Musical Appliances.  
  - Personal computer. | |
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