



MIDDLE EAST CUSTOMS GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE EMIRATES COURIER EXPRESS CUSTOMS GUIDE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

This guide aims to provide guidance on customs clearance requirements for countries served by Emirates in the Middle East. Note that customs regulations and sanctions are highly dynamic and may change from time to time. The Emirates Courier Express team will strive to update changes in regulations and requirements as they evolve and are published by relevant authorities.



PROHIBITED & RESTRICTED ITEMS IN GCC COUNTRIES

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (SA)

- Masks, playing cards
- Any item offensive to the Muslim culture
- Pornographic media
- Obscene materials / objects
- Gambling items
- Dangerous goods
- Counterfeit goods
- Laser equipment
- Tobacco
- Medicines
- Military devices & equipment (non-military consignees)
- Liquids, dry ice, counterfeit items
- Firearms
- Human remains
- Live animals
- Alcohol
- Politically sensitive materials

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (AE)

- Weapons
- Any item offensive to the Muslim culture
- Pornographic media
- Indecent and Obscene materials / objects
- Gambling items
- Dangerous goods
- Counterfeit goods
- Ozone depleting materials, rough diamonds (without Kimberly Certificate)
- Tobacco
- Medicines
- Narcotics
- Military devices & equipment (non-military consignees)
- Liquids, dry ice,
- Counterfeit items
- Firearms
- Human remains
- Live animals

KUWAIT (KW)

- Weapons
- Any item offensive to the Muslim culture
- Pornographic media
- Indecent and Obscene materials / objects
- Gambling items
- Dangerous goods
- Counterfeit goods
- Ozone depleting materials, rough diamonds (without Kimberly Certificate)
- Tobacco,
- Medicines
- Narcotics
- Military devices & equipment (non-military consignees)
- Liquids, dry ice
- Counterfeit items
- Firearms
- Human remains
- Live animals

OMAN (OM)

- Masks, playing cards
- Any item offensive to the Muslim culture
- Pornographic media
- Obscene materials / objects
- Counterfeit goods
- Laser equipment
- Tobacco
- Medicines
- Liquids, dry ice
- Counterfeit items
- Firearms
- Human remains
- Live animals
- Alcohol
- Politically sensitive materials
- Toys shaped as weapons
- Radioactive materials

PROHIBITED & RESTRICTED ITEMS IN GCC COUNTRIES

BAHRAIN (BH)

- Any item offensive to the Muslim culture
- Pornographic media
- Obscene materials / objects
- Gambling items
- Dangerous goods
- Counterfeit goods
- Laser equipment
- Tobacco
- Medicines
- Firearms
- Human remains
- Live animals
- Alcohol
- Politically sensitive materials

Disclaimer:

This is a summarised list of prohibited and restricted items based on public resources available at the time of publication. Regulations may vary and are subject to change without prior notice by relevant authorities.

The items listed here are prohibited or restricted for carriage on Emirates Courier Express services offered to or from the GCC countries.

For comprehensive and up-to-date information, please contact your local customs authority for further details.

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