

# Bahrain

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**Ports:** Mina Sulman  
**Prohibited:** Narcotics, Drugs, Explosives, Firearms, Weapons and Pornography  
**Cont:** None

## Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

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**Required Documents:** 1) Inventory with exact number of bottles and containers  
**Customs Regulations:** Owner has to pay full duties and taxes  
**Clearance:** 3 to 4 working days. Customers' presence is required for clearance.  
**Remarks:**

## Household Goods and Personal Effects

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**Required Documents:** 1) Residence permit valid for two years, endorsed on the passport 2) Valid passport 3) Inventory in English (no P.B.O.) 4) Declaration signed by customer, required for duty-free clearance 5) Original Bill of Lading, stating used personal and household effects  
**Customs Regulations:** Used household goods are duty free if owner has used the objects personally for at least one year in a foreign country. Duty is applicable for all new items which will be 10% of the assessed value. Personal computers, whether old or new, attract a duty of 10% of the assessed value. Video cassettes would attract a screening fee.  
**Clearance:** 3 to 4 days. Customer's presence is required for clearance.  
**Remarks:** All shipments, whether LCL or FCL, are inspected at the port prior to delivery, which takes place on the same day as the inspection.

## Vehicles

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**Required Documents:** 1) Certificate of Registration 2) Valid passport 3) Car papers 4) Export certificate or ownership title from point of origin 5) Original Bill of Lading, with complete details on the vehicle  
**Customs Regulations:** Customer has to pay a duty of 20% on the vehicle, irrespective of it being old or new. The Customs authorities reserve the right on the valuation assessed by them.  
**Clearance:** 2 to 4 days.  
**Remarks:** Vehicle can not be driven outside sea port or airport without new insurance coverage and without temporary plates.

## Pets and Animals

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**Required Documents:** 1) Health Certificate issued by competent veterinary surgeon, at the place of origin abroad. This certificate must be in English.  
**Customs Regulations:** Importation admitted provided no symptom or suspicion of infectious illness is shown. No case of rabies has been notified within a radius of 20 KM from the place of origin of the animal during the previous 3 months. Must obtain an import license prior to air freighting the pet into Bahrain. All pets go into quarantine for a period of one month.  
**Clearance:** 3 days. Customers' presence is not required for clearance.  
**Remarks:** The Health Certificate is valid 10 days (20 days for animals coming from non-European countries) from the date which this had been made out. Please avoid Thursdays and Fridays of the week as these are weekends.

## Diplomatic Removals

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**Required Documents:** 1) Certificate from the Embassy or the Consulate

**Customs Regulations:** Duty free entry for foreign diplomats. Bahrain diplomats returning to Bahrain are not privileged to a special status as in foreign countries.

**Clearance:** 3 to 4 working days. Customer presence not required for clearance.

**Remarks:** Customs authorities are authorized to make a survey at domicile.

## Firearms and Weapons

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**Required Documents:**

**Customs Regulations:**

**Clearance:**

**Remarks:** Firearms and weapons, even ornamental or antiques, are subject to confiscation.

## New Furniture

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**Required Documents:** 1) Original Commercial Invoice 2) Packing list 3) Copy of Bill of Lading 4) Certificate of Origin

**Customs Regulations:** Customer has to pay customs duties and import tax.

**Clearance:** 3 to 4 days. Customer's presence is required for clearance.

**Remarks:**

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