

Egypt Customs Regulations Household Goods & Vehicles

Best Ports of Entry:

Air Shipments: **Cairo International Airport**

Sea Shipments: **Alexandria Port**

[It is not advisable to use any other ports as POE for HHG shipments]

Consignment Instructions:

Consignee:

Name of shipper (exactly as stated in passport)

Shipper's address (or Employer's address) in Egypt

Contact details

Notify:

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Requirements:

From Origin Agent:

- Original Bill of Lading (OBL) or Express Release.

- Packing inventory.

Above documents must be received at least 5 days prior to shipments arrival.

From Client (after his arrival in Egypt):

- Passport (original).

- Power of Attorney signed at the Local Notary Public in Egypt.

Or Authorization Letter with bank signature verification.

- Keys for any locked items in the shipment (suitcase, safe, cabinet, etc)

** For Air Shipments only, client may be required to be present at Cairo Airport during Clearance process.

Restrictions (The following items have particular restrictions):

- **Videos, CD's and DVD's** are subject to censorship.

- **Computer printers, scanners, photocopiers** must be approved by Anti-Forgery Dept. (Intermove Egypt secures this approval for an extra charge of **US\$ 75.00**)

- **Telephone sets, communication equipments & satellite equipment** must be approved by Telecom Egypt. Approval may take around 7 days to be secured. It is highly advisable that shipment not to include such equipment to avoid clearance delay.

- **Golden and Silver items** to be inspected by Standardization Dept. Approval may take around 7 days to be secured. It is highly recommended that shipment not to include such items.

- **High value Framed oil paintings & Sculpture artworks** are subject to a special committee evaluation (Intermove Egypt secures this formality for an extra charge of **US\$ 150.00**)

Prohibited Articles (The following items are totally prohibited):

- Firearms, swords, rifles, knives, etc. (even for house decorations),
- Pornographic materials, narcotics.
- High frequency telephones either wireless or related equipment.
- Alcoholic beverages are not prohibited but it is always advisable not to be included in the shipment as of the extreme duty percentage 3000% + 100% sales tax.
- Jewelry is also not advisable to be included in the shipment.

Duration of Customs Clearance:

Air Shipments:	1-2 working days
Sea Shipments:	5-7 working days

Customs Duty & Tax Tarrif:

Customs Duty:

All household articles	30% of CIF value of shipment
Computer equipment	0%
Clothes	0%
Personal books	0%

Tax:

All household articles	10% of (CIF value + duty)
Computer equipment	10% of (CIF value + duty)
Electric appliances (only)	25% of value + duty (like fridge, TV, VCR, stove, freezer, etc)
Clothes	0%

All shipments of household goods are evaluated by the Egyptian Customs as a base for assessment of the customs duty and tax. Such evaluation is taking in consideration that all included items of shipment are used and also imported for personal use. Therefore, the evaluation of any shipment is usually very much reduced than the actual value of the shipment and the shippers are usually satisfied with the very reasonable customs evaluation.

Returning Egyptians:

All shipments of household goods imported into Egypt and belong to Egyptian citizens are subject to payment of full duty and tax regardless the period of time that the shipper stayed out of Egypt and also regardless of his bearing another nationality. Egyptians who have a double citizenship are also required to pay full duty and tax on their shipments.

Foreigners:

All shipments of household goods imported into Egypt and belong to Foreigners are subject to payment of full duty and tax.

Permanent Duty and Tax Free Entry:

Permanent duty and tax free entry is only granted for diplomats or those who are sponsored by the Egyptian Government parties (like USAID projects).

Temporary Duty and Tax Free Entry:

Temporary duty and tax free entry is only granted for foreigners who work for employers that are capable to submit a bank letter of guarantee covering the amount of duty & tax to the customs for the duration of the foreigner's stay in Egypt. The same is 100% reimbursed upon goods are re-exportation out of Egypt at the end of the assignment of the foreigner in Egypt. Foreigners in this case must have a work permit and work residence visa.

Returning Egyptian Diplomats:

Particular duty and tax free entry is granted for returning Egyptian diplomats providing that Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs will supply shipper with the necessary forms of the duty and tax free entry.

Sequence of Customs Clearance Process:

1. Withdrawal of delivery order from shipping agent.
2. Preparing of import customs declaration with the appropriate shipment details.
3. Shipment inspection by customs officers in presence of Intermove Egypt full time port staff. All items that are opened for inspection by customs are immediately re-packed and stacked again properly into the container. (All shipments are subject to customs inspection except the shipments which are imported for diplomats).
4. Evaluation of shipment for assessment of the required duty and tax.
5. Obtaining any applicable approvals, if any. (Like the approval of censorship dept. for videos, DVD's and CD's and approval of Anti-Forgery dept. for printers, scanner and photo copiers and approval of Agricultural Quarantine for lumber products including wooden lift-vans, etc.
6. Payment of duty, tax, port storage, demurrage, if any.
7. Release of shipment from port/airport.

Fumigation of Wooden Lift-vans, Crates & Pallets:

All shipments imported to Egypt and loaded into wooden lift-vans, crates or on pallets MUST be fumigated and wood heat treated as per ISPM15 regulations. Shipments that are loaded into wooden lift-vans, crates or pallets and not fumigated as required are subject to return to the origin country on the origin agent account.

Vehicles:

- Customs duty varies between 40% and 135%
 - Tax varies between 10% and 35%
 - Full customs duty and tax is payable for all vehicles.
 - For used cars, Shipper MUST prove that he is the first owner of the car.
 - For new cars, the car MUST be imported within the SAME YEAR of manufacturing.
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- Cars are duty and tax free entry only for diplomats.
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- Cars with trip-tickets issued by automobile clubs are allowed to enter duty and tax free only on tourist basis for 3 months, renewable for another 3 months. Cars must be exported out of Egypt at the end of the 6 months period. Licensing fees is only applicable on these cars.

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