



Saudi Arabia

ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

Importing Goods to Saudi Arabia



Importing Personal Effects

Saudi Arabia has many restrictions on importing effects and your local Britannia Member will be able to provide you with up-to-date details of these. For consignments valued over US\$3000, all effects are subject to duty at varying rates, excluding books and used clothing. Electronic items are subject to customs duty at 12% and furniture at 20% of the landed value and invoices should be provided.

All printed goods, videos/DVDs, photos, and personal computers are subject to censorship and will be held for inspection and later delivery, with heavy fines for items that are confiscated. All shipments are subject to a 100% customs inspection, and the owner must be in the country prior to arrival of the effects.

If you're importing your belongings by shared load (groupage), all consignments will be bar coded before they are loaded into the container. This will ensure that no items are left at origin, and allows us to check the status of your goods in transit.

Documentation

Britannia will assist you to complete the customs formalities. To help us with this we will need a copy of your passport (and visa if applicable).

Our team members will supply the required documentation to you on arrival. To avoid additional charges, it is essential that documentation is completed and returned promptly.

Transit Times

Sole use containers take on average 5-6 weeks door to door. Groupage container loads will take around 6-8 weeks.

** Any transit times provided should be considered only as a guide and cannot be guaranteed. Shipping can be subject to delays beyond our control.*

Prohibitions and Restrictions

The following items are prohibited or restricted and we strongly advise you not to include them in your consignment:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Foodstuffs, perishables or otherwise
- Narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive materials
- Alcohol & tobacco

Many items are prohibited from import into Saudi Arabia, and you should check carefully before sending your goods. In addition to the items listed, notable although not exclusive are any alcohol or related products such as books or wine making kits, any carvings or figurines, any religious items or books, any games of chance such as chess, dice etc. and books or magazines with models in swimwear or underwear.



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Welcome to Britannia in Saudi Arabia

Britannia in Saudi Arabia

Britannia can offer you a door-to-door service to Saudi Arabia and can either ship your effects in a wooden crate (Less than Container Load) or by full container load. In addition, we can undertake airfreight consignments to Riyadh. Our agents in Saudi Arabia will arrange customs clearance, and deliver and unpack the effects, including removal of debris on the day of delivery. A copy of the passport, valued inventory, insurance certificate, and residence permit are needed to clear the goods.

Storage

Should you require storage prior to delivery this can be arranged. You should expect to pay a one-off storage handling fee plus a monthly storage charge. Please note that these charges are payable locally.

It is vitally important that you ensure that your marine insurance policy is extended for the period of the storage.



Motor Vehicles

It is prohibited to import right-hand motor vehicles and vehicles over 5 years old into Saudi Arabia.

Additional Services

Britannia can provide a range of additional moving services when moving to Saudi Arabia. We are authorised to provide comprehensive insurance, arrange international storage, help you with relocating your family pets, and can also recommend a convenient way to transfer your money. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please scan this QR code.



Your Moving Guide Checklist

Three Months Before

- Arrange for a pre-move survey with Britannia
- Have a clear idea what you would like to take with you
- Arrange for a quote for the transportation of your family pet

Six Weeks Before

- Book move date and agree moving plan
- Make a list of any items to be moved which will need particular care
- Book pet transport carrier and confirm logistics
- Advise of new school addresses so that education records can be passed on quickly
- Doctor – de-register. If undergoing hospital treatment, notify a new doctor as soon as possible

Four Weeks Before

- Advise schools/nurseries of movement and obtain records
- Cancel memberships including gym, library etc
- Arrange financial affairs: foreign exchange, pension transfers and bank accounts

Three Weeks Before

- Confirm childcare arrangements for moving day
- Plan the best way to look after pets on moving day and confirm itinerary for transportation
- Clear out unwanted belongings
- Start using up food from the freezer

Two Weeks Before

- Contact service providers to arrange final accounts and meter readings
- Telecoms/digital/cable TV provider
- Electricity supplier
- Gas/Oil supplier
- Water Rates
- Local Council Taxes
- Credit card/store card or credit card protection companies
- TV Licence
- Notify all hire purchase/lease/standing orders or loans companies

Notify plans of movement:

- Dentist
- Optician
- Amend insurance cover on buildings, household contents, motor, life etc
- National Insurance
- Child Benefit
- Motor vehicle registration
- Driving Licence (DVLA)
- Pension company
- Redirection of mail via the Post Office (visit your local Post Office for details)
- Send out change of address cards to friends, relatives, clubs, and organisations
- Organise the disconnection and reconnection of domestic appliances: washing machine, cooker, dishwasher

Two Days Before

- Defrost the fridge and freezer
- Cancel any regular deliveries (milk / newspapers)

The Day Before

- Check drawers and trunks/chests for any fragile items
- Take down curtains and blinds
- Put together a pile of 'do not remove' essentials: passports, tickets, itineraries, coats, handbags, snacks, cleaning materials
- Pack small valuables separately and leave with essentials pile e.g. jewellery, watches, money, bonds, coins, stamps etc
- Separate your airfreight consignment from your sea freight if applicable

The Big Day

- Confirm service meter readings and keep a spare copy of readings
- Switch off power and water supplies (if necessary)
- Lock all windows and doors
- Drop keys off with estate agent
- Confirm you have provided all required documentation for your sea freight/airfreight consignment

