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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Removal goods - Returning Citizens/Foreign Citizens</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Passport. ▪ Original Bill of Lading (OBL) / Air Waybill (AWB) with proper name of consignee (as written on passport) C/O Egyptian employer/ authority name and address. ▪ Detailed inventory, valued, typed, dated and signed in English. ▪ Packing list. ▪ Authorization letters to handle the shipment, locally issued in Egypt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Returning citizens: passport with entry stamp date of maximum 6 months' old. ▪ For foreign citizens, passport with valid residency visa for minimum 3 months. ▪ Packing list must be clear and legible as it will be translated into Arabic; do not indicate "Miscellaneous," "Packed by Owner," or "PBO." ▪ All shipments, from private to half-diplomatic are subject to Customs inspection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clearing time: 14-21 business days due to new rules where tripartite committee needs to be available during inspection process port congestions, provided full paperwork is available. ▪ Consignee must be present in the country upon customs clearance of his used household goods. Attendance in person during customs inspection is not required. ▪ All audio-visual goods (tapes, video, books, DVD, CD ROMS, etc.) will be inspected, viewed, read by Customs and released no sooner than 3 weeks after import. ▪ Extra charges may be applied for the inspection of special items, including food, phones, paintings, etc.; ▪ The shipper pays inspection fees, duties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Egyptian Customs do not accept handwritten Inventories. ▪ Egyptian consignee does not require residency visa BUT requires newly dated entry stamp of maximum 6 months old. ▪ Keys for car or any locked baggage, safes to be provided (returning citizens). For foreign citizens, keys for any automobile or any locked baggage/items ▪ Vehicles and all audio-visual goods must be loaded at the door of the container. ▪ Instruction manuals must be attached to printers and fax machines. ▪ Foreign citizen WITHOUT work visa must pay full duties @ 60% and VAT @ 14% and 8% service fee in order to import used household goods and personal effects. ▪ For more information: http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/egypt

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		<p>and VAT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All items are subject to customs duty and VAT at 14%, including consumables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Egyptian Citizens/Private shippers have to pay full duties & VAT to import their used household goods. ▪ All private shippers not having a Letter of Guarantee must pay duties and VAT in cash. ▪ The Letter of Guarantee states an amount of money corresponding to the amount of duties and VAT to be paid; these funds are placed into a bank account and released to the shipper when moving out of Egypt; at that time, all items must be exported, otherwise customs duty and VAT plus fines will be paid on each missing item. Letter of guarantee is called partial exemption - it results in very fussy inspection by customs and it results in damages to the shipment. Since recently, some items cannot be covered by the letter of guarantee and duties will apply. ▪ The Guarantee can only be obtained with a Work Permit and Work Visa for a well know entity staff members. ▪ Used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty free for expatriates working within governmental or private sectors under the terms of temporary admission and subject to full exportation by providing a Ministry guarantee or bank guarantee. This is only granted if the consignee provides a work visa valid for a minimum of 3 months. ▪ The Inventory must state the model, brand, size and content (e.g., Sony 40" Television) 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for all electrical and electronic items. ▪ Wood packaging must be treated and stamped as per ISPM15 standards 	
<p>Diplomats removals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sea Way Bill or original Bill of Lading and Air Way Bill with proper name of consignee (as written on passport) c/o Egyptian employer / authority name and address. ▪ Egyptian Diplomatic ID for full/1st degree Diplomats. It takes two weeks to issue. ▪ Authorization letters to handle the shipment by Diplomat's Embassy – to be issued in Egypt. ▪ Clearing Letter issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Egypt. ▪ Form 4DE (for diplomats). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wood packaging must be treated and stamped as per ISPM15 standards. ▪ Used household goods and personal effects can be imported duty free for full/1st degree diplomats. ▪ Consignee must be present in the country upon customs clearance. Attendance in person during customs inspection is not required. ▪ Clearing time: 3-9 working days (if OBL and local customs paperwork available). ▪ Motor vehicles can be imported duty-free for full Diplomat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clearing time 6-11 working days (if all OBL + customs paperwork available). ▪ Clearing of vehicles takes longer than household goods. ▪ Authorization letter, locally issued in Egypt. ▪ If consignee is half-diplomat of 2nd degree, consumable items (such as toiletries, foodstuff, detergents, cosmetics, and tissues ...) will be dutiable, 60% of the value and 14% VAT may apply. ▪ Keys for automobile to be provided. ▪ Diplomatic missions and some international organizations must apply for duty and VAT exemptions on personal effects (approximately 7 to 21 working days). ▪ Diplomats may be exempted from Customs duties and inspection provided they apply for and are granted Form 4DE (Protocol). 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only diplomats with a diplomatic passport can import alcohol. It is recommended to check the accepted quota with employer in Egypt. 	
<p>Restricted/Dutiable items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Scanners, printers, phones and faxes (agreement by Egyptian Authorities required). ▪ Perfume for personal use. ▪ Tobacco. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All consumable items (such as toiletries, foodstuff, detergents, cosmetics, tissues) are dutiable, regardless of the status of the consignee & even if eligible for duty free entry. ▪ Video tapes, computer disks, cassette tapes, CD's, DVD's, Records, and slides are subject to censorship authority approval and are subject to confiscation in the event that they fall into the category of prohibited items listed below. ▪ Printers, scanners, fax machines, copiers, and satellite receivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to censorship by the Ministry of Interior. ▪ Subject to approval or refusal. ▪ The brand and model number of any such items must be included on the packing inventory. ▪ Inclusion of the owner manual for any such item will assist in clearance from the Ministry. ▪ Office jets/work stations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to approval or refusal. ▪ Laser Jet colour printers are prohibited to enter for personal use. ▪ High value works of art, including statues and paintings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be examined by a special committee for evaluation purposes. ▪ This evaluation is time consuming and costly and will delay customs clearance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Might be considered as 'commercial' if large quantity of items. If included in the shipment, higher duties apply and the clearing process gets more complicated and more expensive. ▪ Please contact the Egyptian Customs office for full and current information prior to importation.

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		<p>process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foods & medicine to be examined by health authorities. 	
<p>Prohibited items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pornographic materials. ▪ Perishable foods. ▪ Anti-Islamic religious materials. ▪ Gold and silver jewellery & ornaments (tableware permitted, jewellery. ▪ Bank notes and coins. ▪ Seeds, trees. ▪ Alcoholic beverages of any kind. ▪ Drugs. ▪ Any types of phones. ▪ Radio Devices with high frequency that uncovers other transmissions in a nearby area; wireless transceiver devices like Walkie Talkie. ▪ Firearms and ammunitions (authorization from the local administration required); pocketknives, daggers and swords (even as decorative items) – non-compliance could result in confiscating the shipment and legal issues. ▪ Binoculars and telescopes. ▪ Toy Drones and Helicopters. ▪ Recording camera pocket pens. ▪ Tracking and Surveillance devices. ▪ Modern GPS devices with high specs are not allowed to enter the country. ▪ High resolution coloured Laser Jet printers. ▪ Brand new furniture. ▪ More the two items of the same product. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is strictly forbidden to send alcohol on shipments to Egypt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contravening this regulation will impose severe penalties and criminal charges on the customer and its employer. ▪ This infringement will also have serious consequences for the removal company and the freight forwarder. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please contact the Egyptian Customs office for full and current information prior to importation.
<p>Pets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legalized health condition certificate (legalization must be by Egyptian embassy at origin country). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veterinary Health Certificate must be issued at point of origin no more than 2 weeks from date of issue. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vaccination certificate from a registered veterinarian. ▪ Original passport of pet. ▪ Original passport of owner and work residence visa. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pets will be examined upon arrival by a doctor from the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture. ▪ Animals suspected of having rabies will be quarantined; charges will apply. ▪ Live chicks are the only bird permitted for import and must meet all health requirements. 	
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original Registration Card. ▪ Original Bill of Lading. ▪ Original Passport with Residence / Work Permit. ▪ Ownership certificate from Traffic Authority at country of origin (notarized by Egyptian Consulate/Embassy) – (Returning citizens). ▪ Authorization letter, locally issued in Egypt (Foreign citizens). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consignee must be the first owner/buyer of his imported vehicle. ▪ All motor vehicles are subject to duties and VAT. Vehicle must be imported the same year as purchased. Shipper must be the first buyer/owner. ▪ Motor vehicles (new or used) can be imported duty free for Expatriates working within the Egyptian Government Sector, who must guarantee re-exportation of the vehicle. ▪ Motor vehicles (new or used) can be imported duty free for Expatriate of non-governmental sector in one case only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If expatriate is owner or partner of a private company/project in Egypt. ▪ In this case, duty can be covered with local bank guarantee. ▪ Requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proof of ownership/partnership from Egyptian Investment Authority; ▪ Company commercial registration documents; ▪ Taxation documents. ▪ All Imported vehicles for returning residents / Egyptian Diplomats are subject to customs duties and VAT in accordance to engine capacity as follows: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vehicle can be used or new. ▪ Trip ticket system allows free import for maximum period of 6 months, provided submitting trip ticket documentation and plates. Once the 6 months are over, car must be exported for at least 6 months before shipping it back to Egypt again (Foreign citizens). ▪ Foreign diplomats may import cars older than 1 year of age. ▪ Returning residents / Egyptian Diplomats should provide original purchasing invoice endorsed from the Egyptian Embassy at Origin and copy of vehicle title.

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Engine Capacity	Customs Duty	VAT	Service Fee
1599 cc	40%	15%	3%
1600-1999 cc	135%	30%	5%
More than 2000 cc	135%	45%	8.50%

- The temporary registration must be obtained by the shipper.
- OBL must show chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, brand and model.
- Shipper must pay applicable fees upon delivery.
- For non-diplomats, Duties and VAT will range from 70% to 280 % of CIF value (the value is assessed by the Customs officers).
- Vehicle must contain a catalytic converter.



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