
UNJLC-IRAQ

SYRIA Customs

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INTRODUCTION:

HUMANITARIAN CARGO: For import/transit/export of humanitarian goods in Syria the Government of Syria (GoS) has granted broad tax exemptions and facilitated customs procedures.

The following exemptions were approved by the Prime Minister on 19th April 2003. The internal Reference Number of instruction from the PM to the relevant Ministries is 3378/without/M. The Internal Reference number in the Customs Directorate relating to the exemptions/facilitations mentioned above is 5222/T/2003.

- Exemption from Transit Fees
- Exemption from Diesel Fees
- Exemption from Escort Fees
- Exemption from Service Fees
- Exemption from Overtime wages
- Exemption from Local Administration Fees

The following exemptions/facilitations have been approved by the Prime Minister as of 4 May 2003. It has been disseminated to the relevant ministries under the reference number 4747/145.

- Exemption of Importing License
- Exemption from port duties
- Exemption from SHIPCO duties
- Exemption from convoy fees
- Permission to convoy the trucks carrying the humanitarian goods with special escort convoy upon request
- Permission of performing the customs declarations in the borders' centres.
- Exemption from customs duties and taxes
- Exemption from the currency guarantee when exporting or re-exporting the humanitarian goods
- Permission to disassemble consignments in transit, and to re-assemble the shipment for onward transportation to various locations in Iraq
- Exemption from the foreign trade regulations concerning the prohibitions rules
- Exemption from the foreign trade regulations concerning the government monopoly rules
- Exemption from the foreign trade regulations concerning the restrictions rules
- Exemption from the foreign trade regulations concerning the boycotting rules

The reference numbers and dates of approval given above should be indicated in the request for clearances by humanitarian agencies/clearing agents.

The above stated exemptions apply **only** to Humanitarian goods and **not** for SCR 1472 (oil-for-food) consignments (as considered to be commercial in the sense that payment is involved). However, the Government of Syria is willing to study the granting of exemptions/approvals for the Oil-for-Food shipments on a case by case basis.

A copy of the agency waybill, relevant shipping papers and a cover letter referring to approval from PM (reference numbers indicated above) should be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Ministry Of Local Affairs (MLA), and clearing/forwarding agent for required clearances. The contacts of relevant authorities are available at the end of the document. Clearances could take approximately 72 hours (from submitting documents to receiving clearances through agents).

All non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) should contact the Syrian Red Crescent (SARC) for clearances, authorizations and notifications at 00 963 93 5066 98. Notifications should be made on a shipment by shipment basis.

The UN agencies, IPs and IOM have to notify the MFA, MLA and General Directorate of Customs for required customs clearances. The clearing agents should be notified with a reference to the above mentioned exemption/facilitations. A list of the agents is available at the end of this document.

Customs offices (including borders, airports and ports) have been instructed by the GoS to be on stand by 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

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Following is a list of documents required to import/transit/export.

AIR/LAND/SEA: (ALL PAPER WORK TO BE SUBMITTED IN ORIGINAL)

Paper work required: AIR WAY BILL (AIR)
INTL WAY BILL/CMR (LAND)
BILL OF LADING/MANIFEST (SEA)
COMMERCIAL INVOICE
CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN
PACKING LIST

CONTACTS FOR AUTHORITIES AND CLEARING AGENTS:

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

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Fax: 00 963 11 2320886
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

Mr. Amiad Al Aga / Focal Point
Tel: 00 963 11 3331200
Fax: 00 963 11 3310134

GENERAL DIRECTORATE of CUSTOMS:

Mr. Mahmoud Morai / Director of Customs
Tel: 00 963 11 212 34 99
Fax: 00 963 2132577

SARC (SYRIAN RED CRECENT):

Mr Olav Ofstad / Org. Development Delegate
Tel: 00 963 93 5066 98
<http://www.ifrc.org/network/dir/rcdir/sy.htm>

CLEARING/ FORWARDING AGENTS SYRIA

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Useful links

Ministry of Economy and Foreign Trade <http://www.syrecon.org/>
Ministry of Transportation <http://www.min-trans.net/>
Federation of Syria Chamber of Commerce <http://www.fedcommsyr.org/>