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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS
<p>Removal Goods – Household Goods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release. ▪ Detailed inventory (sheet with the details of household goods to be mentioned as per new guidelines issued Sept 23rd 2017) ▪ Passport copy with Qatar work / residence permits. ▪ No-Objection letter to import HHG's into the country (typed in Arabic) on the original letterhead of employer / sponsor in Qatar signed by the authorised signatory of the company. ▪ First entry stamp to Qatar from the passport page or A valid Qatar ID. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Customs is imposing duties on all import shipments (especially SEA import) with duties and taxes at 5% on customs declared value: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The only exemption relates to personal baggage and gifts accompanied by the shipper at the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The value thereof may not exceed 3000 Qatari Riyal. ▪ Should be of personal nature and not of commercial quantities ▪ The shipper cannot be a frequent passenger at the customs station. ▪ Customs reserves the right to take any decisions (as per Customs Article 21). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shipments to be declared as used household goods and personal effects. ▪ All shipments are subject to 100% physical inspection. ▪ Computer equipment requires a separate clearance procedure through Qatar customs. If a computer is included in the shipment, specifications should be sent prior to arrival to obtain Qatar Telecommunication approval. ▪ Any forms of idols used for the purpose or worship or as a part of decorations must be declared and a prior approval must be taken from the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs to import such cargo. ▪ LCL shipments arriving POE Doha are taking up to two weeks in port to be deconsolidated. Therefore, Customs clearance and delivery after vessel arrival can take up to three weeks. ▪ No one is allowed to have access to the goods until Customs officials have completed clearance, leading to problems during re-packing.
<p>Diplomatic removal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original B/L or AWB or copy of telex/express release. ▪ Detailed inventory. ▪ Letter of protocol from the relevant Embassy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MOFA letter from Embassy is required for duty / inspection exemption. ▪ Import of alcohol is allowed for diplomats but limited to annual quota agreed by the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All documents including the original MOFA approval document will be submitted to the Customs Authority for duty exemption. ▪ After the vessel arrives, irrespective of

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ must be processed with the <u>Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u>. ▪ Valid <u>Qatar ID & Passport</u> 	<p>local Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the respective embassies in the country and it should be declared in the packing list and MOFA letter.</p>	<p>receiving the approval for duty exemption, it is at the discretion of the Customs officer if the goods require 100% inspection or not.</p>
New furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Legalised CIF invoice. ▪ Certificate of origin. ▪ Inventory. ▪ Original B/L or AWB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Duty: 5% on CIF value plus legalization charges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invoice and C/O must be endorsed by the <u>Qatar Embassy</u> at origin and received by destination agent prior to shipment's arrival.
Motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original registration certificate. ▪ Original Vehicle Export certificate ▪ Vehicle details – on an excel format as per the standards ▪ Insurance policy. ▪ Invoice (if available). ▪ Original B/L or AWB ▪ NOC from the employer ▪ <u>Qatar ID and Passport</u> copies of the actual consignee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5% duty plus legalization charges on CIF value may be charged at the discretion of customs. ▪ For all vehicle(s) older than one year, a pre-alert, with all details included, is required seven to ten days in advance of vehicle(s) arrival ▪ Cars older than 5 years are not allowed to be imported without prior approval from the Customs Authority, Metrology dept and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For registration: to be done by the owner and the relocation company cannot help with this process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proof of ownership at origin and original import manifest are required. Owner must be resident in <u>Qatar</u> prior registration in her/his name. ▪ Possibility for a single shipper to import more than one vehicle. ▪ Import of vehicles older than five years is forbidden.
Cats & dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health certificate dated no more than 2 weeks prior to date of arrival. ▪ Import licence issued in <u>Qatar</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Following dogs require at least 2 weeks' notice and may be rejected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boxers, Bulldogs, Rottweilers, Pugs, Great Danes, Dobermans, Shar Pei's and Japanese Akitas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health certificate has to be issued by government approved veterinary clinics and faxed at least 3 days prior to arrival.
Audio/video tapes, books, and CDs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subject to screening by the Ministry of Information & Education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Returned within 14 working days. ▪ To import religious books a special approval must be taken from the Ministry of Education.

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Prohibited items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcoholic beverages. ▪ Pork. ▪ Wireless transmitters / receivers. ▪ Firearms, explosives. ▪ Narcotics. ▪ Swords, daggers. ▪ Pornographic material. ▪ Items made from ivory. ▪ Buddha statues. ▪ Any products that have not been either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manufactured in Qatar in accordance with the law; or ▪ Illegally imported into Qatar. ▪ Political and religious literature/articles deemed offensive to the Qatar government and the Islamic faith. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All prohibited articles detained by Customs may be destroyed without consignee's consent.



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