

Regulations and customs in Saudi Arabia :

Customs

Non Tariff Barriers

The documentary regulation, required for the expedition of goods in Saudi Arabia necessitate the following documents - commercial invoice, certificate of origin, airway bill, certificate of assurance (if CIF sale), [SASO compliance certificate](#) when applicable. These documents should be stamped by the following organisations: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the exporter country, "bilateral" Chamber of Commerce, Consulate of Saudi Arabia from the exporter country.

Saudi Arabia forbids imports of certain items for religious or security reasons. It bans imports of alcohol and of non-medical drugs, and also most non-Islamic religious materials and other materials deemed offensive to Islamic principles. Weapons and electronic equipment are tightly controlled for security reasons. For meats, a sanitary certificate is required, and should be delivered by the veterinarian services of the exporter country, as well as a slaughter certificate according to the Islamic rites, which is delivered by the Competent Islamic Authority of the exporter country. These documents should be signed either by the "bilateral" Chamber of Commerce or by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Customs Duties and Taxes on Imports

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Customs threshold (from which tariffs are required)

No customs threshold.

Customs Classification

Saudi Arabia applies the Harmonised Customs System.

Import Procedures

The following is the list of documents required for customs clearance in Saudi Arabia. The list subject to modification. Please visit the [website](#) of the Saudi Ministry of Commerce for future updates.

- Certificate of origin authenticated by a local chamber of commerce and translated into Arabic
- Customs invoice (in triplicate), required for most imports into Saudi Arabia (except for goods with no significant value)!
- Commercial invoice (in triplicate) indicating the country of origin, name of the carrier, brand and quantity of goods, and description of the goods including weight and value;
- A clean bill of lading or airway bill;
- Insurance documents, if shipments are sent CIF. Original documents must be accompanied with their Arabic translation
- SASO (Saudi Arabian Standards Organisation) Certificate of Conformity, issued by an authorised certification body in the country of origin

For more information, please visit the [website](#) of Saudi Customs.

Importing Samples

Samples for display in shows/exhibitions are exempt from Saudi labelling and shelf life regulations, but are subject to inspection at ports of entry. Samples must contain a commercial invoice specifying that the product is not for sale and has no commercial value.