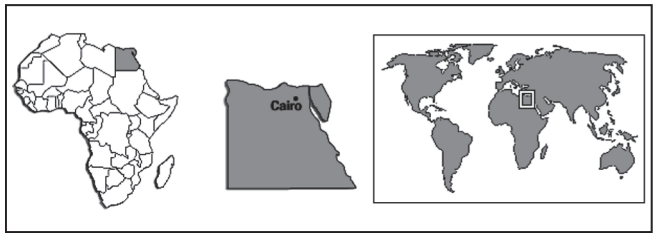
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Egypt (EG)
Amounts shown are expressed in Egyptian Pound (EGP)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Cairo (CAI)
- Local Time : GMT + 2
- ☎ Country Code : + 20
- Local Currency : Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- Bank Information : Closed on Friday and Saturday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
03 Jan 2015
07 Jan 2015
25 Jan 2015
13 Apr 2015
25 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
18 Jul 2015
19 Jul 2015
20 Jul 2015
23 Jul 2015
22 Sep 2015
23 Sep 2015
24 Sep 2015
25 Sep 2015
06 Oct 2015
14 Oct 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. Montreal Protocol MP4 (1975)
  4. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.

- **Security**
  Secure Freight status: pilot in progress.
  For further details and background on Secure Freight see paragraph 2.11. (General Rules).

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Alexandria (Borg el Arab - HBE)**
  Tel.: +20 (0)3 4631060
  Ext. (9307-9309)
  Fax: +20 (0)3 4294648
  E-mail: alex_fm@egyptair.com
  alex_ff@egyptair.com
  alex_fl@egyptair.com
  alex_fo@egyptair.com

- **Aswan - ASW**
  Tel.: +20 (0)97 303116
  +20 (012)21533861 (Duty MGR)
  Fax: +20 (0)973432210

- **Cairo - CAI**
  Tel.: +20 (0)2 265 4611
  +20 (0)2 247 4321 (Customs)
  Fax: +20 (0)2 633 2522
  +20 (0)2 263 7132
  +20 (0)2 247 4321 (Customs)
  E-mail: import_gm@egyptair.com
  export_gm@egyptair.com
  Website: www.cairo-airport.com
  Telex: 93598 CAA UN

  Other Airlines (OAL) Handling unit (24/7)
  E-mail: cgo_oal@egyptair.com
  cgoterminals_gm@egyptair.com
  SITA: CAIXFMS
  Cell: +2 01000774115

- **Luxor - LXR**
  Tel.: +20 (0)95 379655 (Ext.1280)
  +20 (0)95 374861/2
  +20 (0)95 371981
  Fax: +20 (0)95 232 3623
  E-mail: LXR_FF@egyptair.com

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment

Alexandria (Borg el Arab - HBE)
Maximum capacity 5000 kg.

Aswan
Maximum capacity 2000 kg.

Cairo
Maximum capacity 12000 kg.
Heavy shipments, cargo aircraft, all ULD-types: Equipment available on request 12 hours before arrival.
Surface Transportation:
Trucking service of (14) categorized dry/cool trucks are now operating from Cairo International Airport to different destinations within Egypt.

Luxor
- (2) Forklifts max. 2000 kg.
- (1) Diesel tractor.
- (1) Electric tractor.
- (2) Hand pallet.
- (1) Scale max. 1500 kg.
- (1) Scale max. 1200 kg.
- The total area, export and import, 3200 square meter.
- Luxor complex is air conditioned, throughout the year, up to 18 degree centigrade.
- Acceptable weight per piece up to 1500 kg.

1.2.2. Storage

Alexandria (Nozha - ALY)
Uncleared goods may be stored at the airport Customs warehouse for approximately 90 days, after which they are liable to seizure by Customs authorities.
Cold storage: Available.
Deep freeze: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for dangerous goods: Available (except radio active material).

Borg el Arab
Cold storage: Available.

Cairo
Uncleared goods may be stored at the airport Customs warehouse for approximately 90 days, after which they are liable to seizure by Customs authorities.
Cold storage: Available (temperatures -20 up to 12 degrees Celsius).
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Available.
Room for dangerous goods: Available.
Room for human remains: Available.
Room for courier mail: Available in cargo warehouse for the following airlines: TNT, ARAMEX, OCS, UPS, FAST.

Luxor
1. Dangerous Goods NOT accepted for both Import and Export.
2. For human remains and perishables shipments.
   a. Import: pre-arrangements should be made before arrival of the shipment to pick up shipment on flight arrival.
   b. Export: pre-arrangements should be made with shipper to deliver shipment to A/L two hours before flight departure.
3. Valuable shipment
   a. Strong room available for import shipment only
   b. Strong room not available for export shipment but shipment can be accepted two hours before flight departure.

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1.2.3. Clearance

Alexandria

At the airport by consignee or his agent or his broker agent.

Aswan

At the airport by consignee or his agent or his broker agent.

Cairo

At the airport by consignee or his agent or his broker agent.

Luxor

At the airport by consignee or his agent or his broker agent.

1.2.4. Customs hours

Alexandria

Saturday through Thursday 08.30 - 14.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours and on Bank holidays possible for live animals, perishables, press material, human remains, spare parts for ships in transit, aircraft parts for AOG, diplomatic mail, petroleum field equipment and for all export shipments, against payment of overtime fee.

Aswan

Saturday through Thursday 08.30 - 14.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours and on Bank holidays possible for live animals, perishables, press material, human remains, spare parts for ships in transit, aircraft parts for AOG, diplomatic mail, petroleum field equipment and for all export shipments, against payment of overtime fee.

Cairo

Saturday through Thursday 08.00 - 22.00 hrs. (Import) Clearance outside Customs hours and on Bank holidays possible for live animals, perishables, press material, human remains, spare parts for ships in transit, aircraft parts for AOG, diplomatic mail, petroleum field equipment and for all export shipments, against payment of overtime fee.

Saturday through Friday 24 hrs. (Export) for all type of Cargo.

Luxor

Saturday through Thursday 08.30 - 14.00 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours and on Bank holidays possible for live animals, perishables, press material, human remains, spare parts for ships in transit, aircraft parts for AOG, diplomatic mail, petroleum field equipment and for all export shipments, against payment of overtime fee.

1.2.5. Delivery

Cleared goods will be delivered at the airport 24 hours a day with previous Customs approval after working hours.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding

For all issues related to domestic air transportation within Egyptair / Cargo has inaugurated a new section within the company to deal with all issues through sita address: CAIFWMS

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing

Raw cotton, used material and parts of plants (which may contain parasites) prohibited.

2.1.2. Marking

Full name and address of the consignee is required.

2.1.4. Language on documents

Arabic or English.

2.1.5. Other requirements

1. Country denomination on documents: Arab Republic of Egypt.
2. AWB:
   a. Spare parts for ships consigned to an agent in the Arab Republic of Egypt must clearly show the name of the ship and the words “in transit via the respective port of call”.
   b. Shipments consigned to freezone in Egypt must clearly show the words “Freezone”.
   c. Master AWB not allowed to cover mixed “HAWBs” (for Egypt and transit shipments). Shipment needs a separate MAWB. All similar HAWBs for Cairo must have a separate MAWB while all similar HAWBs for transit shipments must have another MAWB.
   d. Shipments need advanced arrangement such as live animals, dangerous goods, perishables and should insert the contact person e-mail on the AWB.
3. All importers of commercial shipments and its sample and commercial agencies must be registered with the Egyptian Ministry of Economy and possess a copy of their records as requested by Customs authorities before clearance of shipment.
4. Wood packing material has to comply with international standard ISMP15. All non-fumigated wooden pallets will be re-dispatched to its origin on the shipper’s expense.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 4 Commercial Invoices legalised by Chamber of Commerce. Legalization by Consulate required in some cases.
- 3 Certificates of Origin. Legalization by Consulate required in some cases.
- 3 Packing Lists (to be enclosed in one of the packages) when the Commercial Invoice does not contain exact details regarding the contents of each package. The Commercial Invoice must then indicate in which package the Packing List is enclosed.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

Pro Forma Invoices, signed by the shipper, must accompany the consignment. No Import Licence, provided samples are consigned to nationalised firms or government establishments, or can not by any means be used by consignee. The remarks “SAMPLE” and “FREE OF CHARGE” must be stated on both invoice and AWB. As a use duty and various import taxes are payable on CIF-value.

2.2.3. Gift consignments

- Value EGP 100.00 (CIF) or less: No documents. If weight is not over 10 kg. and CIF-value not over EGP 20.00, duty 25% ad valorem instead of the applicable tariff which is often far higher. Except: Tobacco and alcohol.
- Value over EGP 100.00 (CIF): Pro Forma Invoice and Import Licence.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

The AWB must clearly show:

- that shipper and consignee have the same name as in passengers passport;
- contents as personal effects (only used wearing apparel);
- passengers passport number, ticket number and flight number.

Customs will check consignees passport and visa (date of issuance must be within a period of 6 months before or after AWB date).

Notes

1. There are heavy fines for false declarations.
2. For any new items, or other than used wearing apparel, the Customs tariff applies.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Live animals (including cats and dogs) must be accompanied by a valid Government Veterinarian Good Health Certificate issued at point of origin (validity of this certificate is two weeks from date of issue). This certificate does not exempt the live stock from Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture doctor examination upon arrival, and quarantine, in case of suspected (unhealthy) animals, will be maximum 15 days (For charges see 2.5.10.).

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Phytosanitary Certificate, which must accompany consignment. An Agricultural Certificate will be issued by the Egyptian authorities after inspection on arrival by Customs (Agricultural Section) at the airport Saturdays through Thursdays 08.00 - 14.00 hrs. Outside these hours and during official holidays overtime fee is due. *Prohibited:* Cotton (except if sent as samples in packages of 2 kg. maximum weight). Consignments may consist of several packages. Samples must be ginned and free from seeds. Cotton plants and cotton seeds; citrus trees; earth and earth plants; fresh mangoes and their seeds; sugar cane seedlings; tobacco seeds.

The implementation of ISMP 15 standard which requires all species of wood packing to be heat treated or fumigated to kill insects and or fungus prior to export.

Non compliance of this regulation is a serious problem and will result with the consignment to be returned or destroyed adding further costs to the consignee.

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

- Arms: import Licence.
- Ammunition: import licence + Egyptian Civil Authority Approval (ECAA).
- Explosives:
  Before arrival of the explosives the following rules must be observed:
  1. Transporting carrier should advise consignee well in advance of the date and time of arrival of the explosives consignment in order to enable the consignee to arrange prior approval from the Public Security Authorities for receiving and transporting the consignment.
  2. Consignee should obtain such prior approval for receiving and transporting the explosives outside the airport.
  3. Consignee is obliged to report to the airport on arrival of the consignment for clearance and taking delivery.
  4. For import consignments all prior approvals from the public security authorities should be addressed to: import_gm@egyptair.com, Fax: 0020222657341 To get permission for moving from point of origin to Cairo.
  5. In case the rules under 2. and 3. are not observed, the airline will be under obligation to re-export the shipment on the same aircraft.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

If proved to be for medical purposes, Import Licence from the Ministry of Public Health. Shipment will be handled as valuable cargo.
Prohibited: Raw narcotics.

2.3.6. Human remains

Certificate from Consulate stating full name, age, place and date of birth and nationality of the deceased, cause of death and profession of the deceased in the country in which the death occurred. Outer container must be sealed by Customs and/or by Egyptian Consulate at origin.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products

(also if for personal use): Authorization from Ministry of Public Health and General Organization for Drugs.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines

Import Permit from Ministry of Public Health, Pharmacies Section.

2.3.9. Animal products

See 2.3.2.

2.3.10. Meat and meat products

(including fish products) must be accompanied by a valid government veterinarian good health certificate issued at point of origin (Validity of this certificate is two weeks from date of issue).

2.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products

See 2.3.3.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs

Product and expiry date must be clearly indicated on the inner packages.

2.3.14. Radio-active materials

- Shipment must be accompanied by Nuclear Certificate and Health Inspection Certificate (all documents must be legalised by Egyptian Consulate at origin.
- Shipment will be subject to inspection by Health Authorities.

2.4. Prohibitions

Adulterated tobacco; foreign silver, nickel or copper coins being legal tender in the country of origin; obscene publications or pictures. See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges

2.5.6. Storage

Alexandria, Cairo

Storage charges:

- Shipments weighing up to 50 kg.

First 3 days, per package, per day	free
4th - 10th day, per package, per day	0.10
11th - 17th day, per package, per day	0.20
thereafter, per package, per day	0.40

- Shipments weighing 50 kg. up to 250 kg.

First 3 days, per package, per day	free
4th - 10th day, per package, per day	0.20
11th - 17th day, per package, per day	0.40
thereafter, per package, per day	0.80

- Shipments weighing over 250 kg.

First 3 days, per package, per day	free
4th - 10th day, per package, per day	0.40
11th - 17th day, per package, per day	0.80
thereafter, per package, per day	1.60

2.5.10. Others

Alexandria, Cairo

Portage fee, per 1000 kg.		0.80
Quarantine charges (excluding food):		
domestic animals: per container, per day		5.00
wild animals: per container, per day		20.00
horses: per horse, per day		10.00
Charge over transit shipments via Cairo (CAI) final destination Alexandria (ALY) due to expenses of transportation from CAI to ALY	USD	0.15
Minimum charge shipments that have final destination Alexandria (ALY) via Cairo (CAI)	USD	15.00

Aswan, Hurgada, Luxor, Sharm Elsheik

In case of Domestic / International Flights Customs Fees:

Per kg.	USD	0.25
Minimum per shipment	USD	125.00

These fees should be inserted on the AWB as “other services”.

For all queries concerning Export/Import/Transit shipments with Egyptair, they can be viewed and followed through a dedicated site on the internet: www.egyptair.com

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General

3.1.3. Routing

- Any transit shipment destined for Alexandria, Aswan, Luxor Sharm Elsheik (personal effects only) or Hurgada via Cairo airport must be under separate manifest with final destination one of the above.
- Advance arrangement should be made for all special cargo (DIP, HUM, DGR, HEA .... Etc.) no shipment to be sent unless booking is confirmed.
- Dangerous goods with destination Luxor is not accepted till further notice.

3.1.5. Other requirements

Customs approval required at Cairo airport for any transit shipment destined for Alexandria, Aswan or Luxor. These shipments will be attended by Customs officer on board till delivery to Customs warehouse at designated airport.
Following fees will apply:
Charge for return ticket CAI- ASW/LXR/SSH/HRG;
Allowance for Customs officer: EGP 150.00
Charge for return ticket CAI -ALY
Allowance for Customs officer:
By truck EGP 100.00
By air EGP 150.00
Customs fees: EGP 150.00

3.2. Documentary Requirements

- AWB: a minimum of 5 copies are required in the event of transhipment.
- AWB and manifest must show final destination.

3.3. Restrictions

3.3.2. Live animals

Instructions from Veterinary Authorities regarding all live animals shipments transiting Egypt are as follows:

1. The originating station must send all certificates related to the live animals by fax to: 00202-2657338.
   Attention; follow-up department manager (exports)
   a. Health certificates.
   b. Certificates of origin.
   c. Cites certificates (if applicable).
   d. Commercial invoices.
   The department receiving those documents will, in turn, relay them to the shipments and they should be dealt with case by case.
2. There are certain fees collected by the Veterinary Authorities in lieu of examining and approval the certificates. Such fees depend on the value of the shipments and they should be dealt with case by case.
3. Upon reception of the approval, the follow-up department manager will correspond with the originating station to relay the approval and fees to be collected from the consignor.
4. shipments to be forwarded, only, after obtaining the approval and paying all relevant fees & charges and with confirmed booking all route.
5. All shipments sent without completing all the above procedures will be subject to confiscation or either one.

3.3.3. Plants and plant material

See 2.3.3.

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3.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Advance arrangements and booking confirmation for the whole route (including second carrier) must be made in 48 hours or more at Cairo airport in order to avoid delays.
Always check with the A.R.E. embassy/consulate before dispatch in case of new developments.
3.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
See 2.3.5.
3.3.6. Human remains
See 2.3.6.
3.3.13. Precious metals and stones
See 3.3.4.
3.3.14. Radio-active materials
See 3.3.4.
3.3.15. Others
Cotton: Must be packed in sealed tin boxes.

3.5. Charges
3.5.5. Transhipment
All transhipments are free of charge.
3.5.6. Storage
per kg. 0.10

3.5.10. Others
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4. Export

4.5. Charges
4.5.10. Others
Security charge: at Cairo airport, Alexandria (Nozha) airport, Luxor airport, Sharm el Sheik airport, Hurghada airport and Borg el Arab airport will be as follows:

At Cairo airport, per kg.	USD	0.025
At Nozha and Luxor airports, per kg.	USD	0.05
At Sharm el Sheik, Hurghada and Borg el Arab airports, per kg.	USD	0.05
Minimum charges at Cairo, Nozha and Luxor airports, per AWB	USD	5.00
AWB issuing fees	USD	7.50
DGR certificates & approval	USD	40.00
Non restricted item (review & approval)	USD	4.50

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