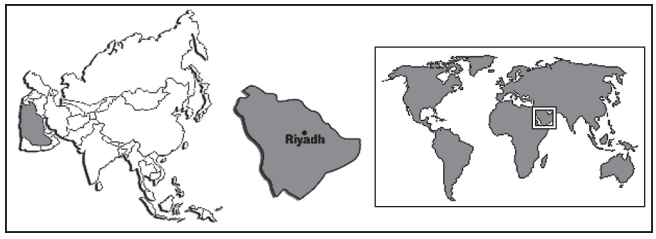
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Saudi Arabia (SA)
Amounts shown are expressed in Saudi Riyal (SAR)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Riyadh (RUH)
- Local Time : GMT + 3
- Daylight Saving Time : Saudi Arabia does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 966
- Local Currency : Saudi Riyal (SAR)
- Bank Information : Closed Friday to Saturday, open Sunday to Thursday
- Public Holidays :

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12 Jul 2015
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- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)
  3. 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.

- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: AEI is not yet required in Saudi Arabia
  - Further information: www.customs.gov.sa, email to majed@customs.gov.sa

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Abha - AHB**
  Tel.: +966 (0)17 224 6011/2
  +966 (0)17 224 5150
  +966 (0)17 227 5289
  Fax: +966 (0)17 223 7011
  +966 (0)17 227 6081

- **Dammam - DMM**
  Tel.: +966 (0)13 883 1000
  +966 (0)13 883 5151
  +966 (0)13 883 2000
  +966 (0)13 883 7070
  +966 (0)13 883 7215 (Customs)
  Fax: +966 (0)13 883 1900
  +966 (0)13 883 5000
  +966 (0)13 883 707
  +966 (0)13 883 7225 (Customs)
  E-mail: kalmzel@kfia.gov.sa
  Website: www.kfia.com.sa

- **Gassim - ELQ**
  Tel.: +966 (0)16 380 0403
  Fax: +966 (0)16 380 0191

- **Jeddah - JED**
  Tel.: +966 (0)12 686 8225
  +966 (0)12 686 9230
  +966 (0)12 663 3978
  +966 (0)12 685 7379
  +966 (0)12 685 5466 (Customs)
  Fax: +966 (0)12 684 2221
  +966 (0)12 661 1214
  +966 (0)13 883 707
  +966 (0)12 685 5692 (Customs)
  E-mail: aabalary@gaca.gov.sa
  Website: www.jed-airport.com
  Telex: 601571 INTLAP SJ
  SITA: JEDTOGA

- **Medina - MED**
  Tel.: +966 (0)14 842 0000
  Fax: +966 (0)14 842 0200
  Website: www.gaca.gov.sa

- **Riyadh - RUH**
  Tel.: +966 (0)11 221 1000
  +966 (0)11 221 3535 (Customs)
  +966 (0)11 221 4481 (Customs)
  +966 (0)12 685 5466 (Customs)
  Fax: +966 (0)11 221 1637
  +966 (0)11 221 2233 (Customs)
  Website: www.gaca.gov.sa
  Telex: 405260 KKIA SJ

- **Tabuk - TUU**
  Tel: +966 (0)14 532 0120
  Fax: +966 (0)14 532 8700
  Website: www.gaca.gov.sa

- **Taif - TIF**

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment

Abha
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle narrow-bodied freighter aircraft and regular size cargo to main deck in bodied freighter aircraft.
Dammam
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle both narrow and wide bodied freighter aircraft.
Jeddah
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle both narrow and wide bodied freighter aircraft.
Medina
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle narrow-bodied freighter aircraft and regular size cargo to main deck in bodied freighter aircraft.
Riyadh
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle both narrow and wide bodied freighter aircraft.
Tabuk
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle narrow-bodied freighter aircraft and regular size cargo to main deck in bodied freighter aircraft.

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Taif
Forklifts, Main Deck Loaders, Belt Loaders and full facilities available to handle narrow-bodied freighter aircraft and regular size cargo to main deck in bodied freighter aircraft.

1.2.2. Storage

Abha
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.

Dammam
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.

Gassim
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.

Jeddah
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.

Medina
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.

Riyadh
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Available.

Tabuk
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.

Taif
At airport. Time limit 2 months, thereafter goods will be sold by Customs.
Cold storage: Available.
Safe for valuables: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance

All airports
At airport by Customs Broker Agent.

1.2.4. Customs hours

All airports
Saturday through Wednesday 07.30 - 14.30 hrs. Clearance outside Customs hours possible for perishables and live stock and emergency shipments.

1.2.5. Delivery

All airports
Possible within Customs duty hours.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding

All airports
Possible only when consignee refuses acceptance of shipment. Confirmation to this effect should be secured from consignee in writing.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.3. Routing
Via *Jeddah:* to Makkah, Medina, Gizan, Bisha, Shahrourah Wedjh, Abha, Nejran, Tabuk, Yanbu, Baha.
Via *Riyadh:* to El-Gassim, Hail, Al-Jouf, Arar, Turaif, Gurayat, Taif, Wadi Ad Dawasir.
Via *Dammam:* to Al-Khobar, Qatif, Rafha, Ras Tanura, Abqiq, Khafji, Jubail and Hofuf.

- Shipments destined to a point in the Gulf area should be routed via *Dammam.*
- Shipments destined to Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen should be routed via *Jeddah*.
- Goods must not be routed via Israel and Israeli products should not be carried.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
English and/or Arabic.

2.1.5. Other requirements

- Neither Persian Gulf nor Arabian Gulf may be mentioned. Consignees full name must appear clearly on all AWBs. Abbreviations in consignee's first and middle name are strictly forbidden.
- All imports of non-foodstuffs transiting Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya or Syria must be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin (visaed by local Chamber of Commerce) and a Transit Certificate.
- AWB: The ultimate destination must be stated in the AWB in the box "Airport of Destination". In addition to actual contact address of consignee his telephone number and P.O. Box number must be shown.
- A copy of packing list of all import shipments must be attached to the AWB.
- For shipments destined to a non-customs airport, the Customs airport nearest to that destination need only be stated in the AWB in the box "Airport of Destination".
  See 2.1.3.
- Any incoming shipment which does not bear engraved or affixed - non removable sticker of the mark of Country of Origin/Made on it will be treated as follows:
  1. An of oath undertaking to be submitted and will be registered against the exporter for every shipment to ensure not to repeat the above violation. In addition, he should make the appropriate methods to affix the tag or label in non removable way inside the Customs area or its Stores. The exporter should correct the violation in a duration not exceeding two weeks. However, a fine of SR 5,000/- must be paid pursuant to the Article (30) of the Customs unified Bill Policy, these fees will be obtained aside from any customs fees exemption due to whichever is the exemption receipt.
  2. The shipment without the affixed tag or label of Country of Origin/Made that comes after 30 days from the first date of undertaking that has been made against the exporter, consequently he will not be allowed to affix the tag or label of Country of Origin/Made, as well as an undertaking will be registered against him stating not to repeat the violation and the shipment will send back to its origin.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- Commercial Invoices: In English, signed by shipper/ supplier certified by local Chamber of Commerce according to Saudi Customs regulations for inbound Commercial shipments to Saudi Arabia must accompanied with all related original invoices approved by Commercial Chamber of Commerce at origin country attached to the Air Waybill; with exemption of the Government Shipments imports and shipments waived from Saudi Customs tariffs. Such invoices must bear, besides other remarks, the following indications: quantity and CIF value of goods, type of packages, special declaration when different articles are packed together.
  For more details review Saudi Customs web site
  www.customs.gov.sa
- Import Licence: For some types of goods (consult the Saudi Arabian Consulate for details), issued by Saudi Arabian Government authorities, must be available at the Saudi Arabian port of entry prior to arrival of the consignment.
- Certificate of Origin: From local Chamber of Commerce, signed and stamped by shipper/supplier and certified by a Saudi Arabian Consulate, must, regardless of the value and nature of the goods, accompany the consignment attached to the AWB.

  Note:
  In countries where no official Saudi Arabian Representation exists, the Certificate of Origin, issued and certified by the local Chamber of Commerce, is sufficient.
  The Certificate of Origin is not necessarily needed, provided the above Commercial Invoice is certified by Chamber of Commerce and the Saudi Arabian Consulate in the country of origin.

- Certificate of Insurance: For consignments originating in the U.S.A., if insured by the shipper. The Certificate must indicate that the insurance company is not on the black list, i.e. not having any dealings with Israel, and must be certified by local Chamber of Commerce and visaed by Saudi Arabian Consulate. Certificate of Insurance is not required for consignments insured by consignee at destination.

  Note:
  All documents must be translated into Arabic.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
Pro Forma Invoice, legalized as under 2.2.1.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
Same as for 2.2.1.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Value must be declared on AWB.

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2.3. Restrictions

2.3.1. General

Goods arriving from following countries require an Immunization Certificate:
Against cholera: Goods from Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Vietnam and Congo - Democratic Republic of.
Against yellow fever: Goods from Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombo, Ecuador, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Peru, Sudan and Congo - Democratic Republic of.
Against plague: Goods from Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Madagascar, Peru, Tanzania, Vietnam and Congo - Democratic Republic of.

2.3.2. Live animals

2 Health Certificates.
Horses:
- Prior approval from the office of HRH the President of the Equestrian Society Club, Riyadh, must be obtained, otherwise the animals will be refused entry and returned to point of embarkation on the same aircraft.
- Final destination must be Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah station.

Dogs: Only the following breeds of dogs are allowed into the Kingdom:
- Watch (Guard) dogs
- Hunting dogs
- Guide dogs for the blind.

They must be accompanied by a certificate from the relevant authorities of the country of origin, endorsed by the embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, stating the type of dog and accompanied by a Vaccination Certificate against animal disease.

No any live animals are accepted into Saudi Arabia unless prior acceptance and permissions from official Government Authority the National Commission for Wildlife Conservation for Quarantine Requirements in the related web site
www.ncwcd.gov.sa/englishmain.htm with prior approval of Saudi Customs.
For more details review Saudi Customs web site
www.customs.gov.sa

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Shipments must be accompanied by Health Certificate proving that they are free from pests and agriculture diseases.
Prohibited: Vegetables, fresh fruit and cooked foodstuffs from cholera infected areas, unless clearance is given by the Quarantine Staff, after sterilizing.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

(incl. sporting guns, radio-active material and communication equipment): Prior Permit from Governor at Dammam, Jeddah or Riyadh. Carrier's office at origin must have confirmation that consignee has necessary Import Permit.
See also 2.3.15.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Import possible only for medical purposes, permit from Ministry of Health required.

2.3.6. Human remains

When it concerns Saudi Arabia nationals of Muslim religion prior Permit from authorities, who must be informed of cause of death in advance.

2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products

Pharmaceuticals (must be registered in Saudi Arabia with Ministry of Health in Riyadh): Certificate from the Health authorities in the country of export stating that the articles are used in the country of origin under the same trade name and composition, the name of each product, formula, date and numbers of the permit for manufacture.
Insecticides: Packing must show in Arabic: the indication "AGRICULTURAL INSECTICIDES", trade name, trade manufacture, duration of activity, net weight. Non-compliance results in Custom's refusal.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs

Fruit, vegetables: Phytosanitary Certificate from the competent authorities in the country of origin.

2.3.14. Radio-active materials

See 2.3.4. and 2.3.15. Furthermore the final destination for radio active materials must be to Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam only except those intended for medical purposes may be imported to any Customs Airport in Saudi Arabia.

2.3.15. Others

Dangerous Goods:
- Prior to forwarding the shipment:
  1. The shipper shall provide a written undertaking to re-ship the consignment at the shippers cost and risk if the shipment is not cleared and received by the consignee within 15 working days from the arrival of the consignment.
  2. Previous acceptance of consignee is required, except for following products: perfumery products, cosmetics, vehicles, engines and dry ice.
  3. Consignee must secure approvals of the concerned governmental departments.
- On arrival:
  1. Consignee must submit the governmental approvals and required documentation of the concerned governmental departments to Saudi Customs Clearance.
  2. Consignee must clear the consignment to re-ship the consignment at the shippers cost and risk if the shipment is not cleared and received by the consignee within 15 working days from the arrival of the consignment
- Full name and telephone number of the consignee must be shown on both the AWB and each package.
  See also 2.3.4.

2.4. Prohibitions

Alcohol and products containing alcohol; parrots, turkeys, pigeons, ducks, geese and chickens; toys or statuettes representing animals or men; foodstuffs containing products of the pig; all products of the pig; games of chance and slot machines; films; artificial pearls; articles injurious to health; oil or foodstuffs; tea substitute; arms or ammunition for war purpose; fireworks; articles representing members of the Royal Family or the Saudi Arabian Arms; soil (excluding peat dust and potting soil); any type of palm tree plants or derives; goods originating from Israel, or imported by firms with Israeli relations or imported via Israel; **consolidated shipments**.
See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges

2.5.2. Handling

All airports

- Terminal Handling:

a. General Cargo per kg.	0.20
Minimum charge per AWB	45.00
b. Perishables per kg.	0.30
Minimum charge per AWB	65.00
c. Valuable Cargo per kg.	0.60
Minimum charge per AWB	65.65
d. Dangerous Goods per kg.	0.50
Minimum charge per AWB	60.00
e. Vulnerable shipments per kg	0.45
Minimum charge per AWB	75.00

- Return of undelivered shipments to origin station:

a. General cargo, per AWB	250.00
b. Special cargo, per AWB	300.00

Other Handling Charges
All airports

- Demurrage by Customer Airport Charges:

First 5 days	free
6th - 35th days, per kg., per day	0.01
36st - 65th days, per kg., per day	0.02
Thereafter, per kg., per day	0.04

- Cold storage and Freezer Charges from the first day:

a. Cold Storage per kg., per day	0.25
Minimum charge, per AWB, per day	80.00
b. Freezer per kg., per day	0.35
Minimum charge, per shipment, per day	55.00

- Hi-value Shipments:

Strong Room for Hi-value, per kg., per day	0.55
Minimum charge, per AWB, per day	80.00

- Shipment that is not cleared through local customs for any reason:

Semi-valuable return shipment, per kg., per day	0.15
Minimum charge, per AWB, per day	45.00

- Dangerous Goods:

Dangerous Goods area for DG all classes	
Export, per kg., per day	0.45
Minimum charge, per AWB, per day	65.00

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- Live Animals:

Live Animals Area, per kg., per day	15.00
Minimum charge, per AWB	65.00
Other special handling upon request, per day	200.00

2.5.10. Others

All airports

- Security charges (start from the first day, except car shipments which are 72 hours free of security charges

a. General Cargo, per kg., per day	0.10
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00
b. Perishables per kg., per day	0.14
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00
c. Valuable Cargo per kg., per day	0.50
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00
d. Vulnerable Cargo per kg., per day	0.45
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00
e. Dangerous Goods per kg., per day	0.50
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00
f. Live animals, per kg, per day	0.50
Minimum charge per AWB	30.00

- Other Handling Charges

a. Delivery order for consignee or his agent or bank, per delivery order	80.00
b. Data entry fee per AWB	25.00
c. Delivery order for human remains, per delivery order	free
d. Human organ	free
e. Re-consigning inbound shipment in same destination outside Saudi Arabia with re-way billing, per shipment	80.00
f. Re-consigning inbound shipment to another destination within Saudi Arabia with re-way billing, per shipment	120.00
g. Re-consigning inbound shipment to another destination outside Saudi Arabia with re-way billing, per shipment	300.00
h. Accepted shipment from cargo agency but returned as per shipper request	
- Domestic	50.00
- International	100.00
i. Charge per shipment with weight difference and amended (CCA Fee), per shipment	350.00
j. P.O.D. / document request per delivery	60.00
k. Photocopy Cargo Document, each copy	2.00
l. Security guidance from airside to warehouse (for non-classified shipment) per shipment	200.00
m. Security guidance from airside to warehouse (for classified shipment) per shipment	1500.00
n Security escort from airside to warehouse/ warehouse to airside for Bank Note shipments	900.00
o. Forklift Charges:	
Forklift charge less than one Ton per hour or part of an hour	100.00
Forklift charge 1 - 5 Tons per hour or part thereof	200.00
Forklift charge 5 - 10 Tons per hour or part thereof	700.00
Forklift charge 10 - 15 Tons per hour or part thereof	900.00
p. Status check of cool containers per unit	50.00
q. Recharging and handling of cool containers per unit, per day	150.00
r. Second request for invoice copy, per copy	100.00

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General

Transit Shipments are those which are forwarded through Saudi Arabia under certain consignee name destined to a point outside Saudi Arabia provided the word transit must be indicated on the original invoices, AWB's Manifests and Packages. Further, there are two types of Transit Shipments for which following documents are required.

AWB: the ultimate destination must be mentioned in the box "Airport of destination".

3.2. Documentary Requirements

1. Direct Transit
   Such shipments are unloaded at the airports without being stored until they are shipped to their final destination.
   In this case carrier will submit two copies of the original manifest to customs.
   Customs Manager will authorize movement in writing on one of the two copies and concerned personnel will initial the same copy to assume that loading is actually done. The Maritime/Airline representative should keep a record subject to customs checking.
2. Indirect Transit
   These shipments are unloaded and stored in the warehouses before transporting to destination. In this case statement should be attached along with Delivery Order and the AWB. Upon normal inspection, Customs authorizes the exportation, collection, demurrage and porterage thereof i.e. after 10 days from the date of unloading.

3.3. Restrictions

None.

3.4. Prohibitions

All goods to or originating from Israel, alcoholic beverages, pork meat and ammunition or fire arms.

3.5. Charges

None.

4. Export

4.1. General

None.

4.2. Documentary Requirements

Export formalities can be completed when shipper submits Shipping Order along with Export Statement which he obtains from the Customs, indicating the number of packages, type, weight and value. Then the inspection is conducted to ensure that commodity is not in the list of restricted articles.

4.3. Restrictions

None.

4.4. Prohibitions

None.

4.5. Charges

4.5.1. General

All national products are exempted from Custom's charges but subject to the loading fees. This is also applicable to the re-exported commodities.

4.5.2. Handling

Cargo special handling charges	0.10
Minimum special handling charges	5.00

4.5.4. Documentation

AWB preparation fee	25.00
Change consignee name fee for export shipments per AWB	50.00

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