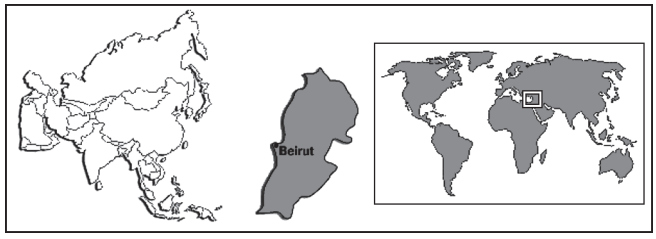
Lebanon (LB)

Amounts shown are expressed in United States Dollar (USD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Beirut (BEY)
- Local Time : GMT + 2
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT + 3: Starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.
- ☎ Country Code : + 961
- Local Currency : Lebanese Pound (LBP)
- Bank Information : Closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
06 Jan 2015
09 Feb 2015
25 Mar 2015
03 Apr 2015
05 Apr 2015
10 Apr 2015
12 Apr 2015
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25 May 2015
18 Jul 2015
15 Aug 2015
23 Sep 2015
13 Oct 2015
23 Oct 2015
01 Nov 2015
22 Nov 2015
25 Dec 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.
- **Security**
  Secure Freight status: pilot to commence.
  For further details and background on Secure Freight see paragraph 2.11. (General Rules).

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Beirut - BEY**
  Customs:
  Tel: +961 (0)1 629 421
  +961 (0)1 629 420
  Fax: +961 (0)1 629 165
  +961 (0)1 629 160
  Airport Civil Aviation:
  Tel: +961 (0)1 628 190/2
  +961 (0)1 816 250
  Fax: +961 (0)1 629 013
  +961 (0)1 629 078
  E-mail: dgca@beirutairport.gov.lb
  Website: www.beirutairport.gov.lb

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Forklift, max. approx. 8000 kg., CP loaders for small and wide body aircrafts up to 27000 kg.

1.2.2. Storage
At Customs Airport Warehouse.
Time limit 3 months, after which period goods will be auctioned.
Cold storage: Available, subject to previous arrangement with carrier concerned. Temperature degrees: from 2 to 8 celsius, from 12 to 18 celsius, from 18 to 25 celsius.
Safe for valuables: Available.
Room for radio-active material: Not available.
Animal hostel: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
At the airport by consignee or his broker.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Monday through Saturday 08.00 - 18.00 hrs.; Sundays and public holidays closed. Clearance outside Customs hours possible against payment of overtime fee for perishables, live animals, newspapers and diplomatic mail (no extra charges), and other urgent cargo. Otherwise only possible after prior Customs approval.

1.2.5. Delivery
1. Cleared goods consigned to:
   a. Beirut: Delivery at airport as per customs hours shown under 1.2.4. above.
   b. Domestic transhipment, inbound, not possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
See 1.2.5.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Hay or straw not accepted. Bundled consignments are prohibited.

2.1.2. Marking
No special requirements other than the respective AWB number and consignees' full address.

2.1.3. Routing
NOT via Israel.

2.1.4. Language on Documents
English or French.

2.1.5. Other requirements
- Incomplete documentation: A fine amounting to 10% of the import duty will be assessed when documents are not available on arrival or not legalised in accordance with the regulations.
- Consolidated consignments: 6 copies of the Consolidator's House Waybill for each component part must be attached to the AWB plus a separate cargo manifest covering the House Waybills showing: number and type of packages, nature of goods, gross weights in kg., destinations. See also 2.5.10.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments
- 3 Commercial Invoices, legalised by Chamber of Commerce, containing: exact description of goods (denomination, kind, marks, numbers, gross an net weight, value), country of origin and the following declaration: "Nous certifions que la présente facture est authentique, qu'elle est la seule émise par nous pour les marchandises qui y sont énoncées, qu'elle mentionne leur valeur exacte sans déduction d'aucun accompte et que leur origine est exclusivement ... (country of origin)."
- Certificate of Origin, legalised by the Consulate.
- Prior Import Licence from Ministry of Economy is required for certain commodities.

2.2.2. Sample consignments
- Without commercial value: Pro Forma Invoice with detailed contents.
- With commercial value: See 2.2.1.

Note:
Samples of gold, silver or precious stones are not recognised as samples. Temporary import is possible provided the samples are re-exported via the airport of entry.

2.2.3. Gift consignments
See 2.2.2.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage
Declaration of contents.

2.2.5. Other consignments
No special requirements

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2.3. Restrictions
2.3.2. Live animals
Health Certificate. Examination at the veterinary station Rue de Port, Beirut and when symptoms of any disease are shown:
3-15 day's quarantine. Examination fee levied only outside the official working hours: Actual charge per hour can be obtained on request.
Cats and Dogs: Additional Rabies Inoculation Certificate.
Baby poultry less than 72 hours old: Subject to a prior Import Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture.
Horses: Import of Arabic Horses is allowed only. However, for horses of different breed, prior Import Permit is required from the Ministry of Agriculture.
Prohibited: Live pigs.
2.3.3. Plants and plant material
Health Certificate. Examination upon arrival. Examination fee levied only outside official working hours: Actual charge per hour can be obtained on request.
2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Incl. sporting arms: Prior Permit from Ministry of National Defence.
2.3.6. Human remains
Death Certificate, legalised by Consulate. If cremated: Additional Cremation Certificate.
2.3.7. Pharmaceutical and chemical products
- Pharmaceutical products and specialities may only be imported when previously registered by "Service gouvernemental de la Santé Publique".
- Medical, chemical and pharmaceutical specialities: invoice must bear the manufacturer's declaration that the products have been made by themselves, are fit for use, comply with any requirements and may be sold in country of origin. Special prescriptions for labelling apply.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines
- Registered or patented medicines: invoice must state selling price in the country of origin and the declaration: "Nous certifions que les produits objets de cette facture remplissent toutes les conditions légales pour être vendus dans notre pays en la forme et la composition originelles de fabrication selon lesquelles ils sont exportés et que les prix de vente au public mentionnés sont exacts".
- Vaccines for veterinary purposes: Prior Import Permit from Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, Applications must be accompanied by a declaration legalised by Consulate, stating: nature (live, thinned or dead), composition, preparation, method of use, date of production and period of activity.
  See also 2.3.7.

2.3.9. Animal products
Eggs for hatching and for local consumption: Subject to a prior Import Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture.
2.3.12. Foodstuffs
Fresh fruits and vegetables: For import of fresh fruits and vegetables it is recommended to contact well in advance the Lebanese Embassy abroad or the local airline office in Beirut for necessary requirements/information governing seasonal restrictions and prohibitions.
Beef and beef products: Entry of beef and beef products from the United Kingdom and Ireland is strictly forbidden.
2.3.15. Others
Saccharin, cyclamates and its derivative: Import permit from Ministry of Health.

2.4. Prohibitions
Live pigs. All goods from Israel. All kinds of pornographic articles such as photos, magazines and films. See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges
2.5.6. Storage
First 48 hours: free. Thereafter applicable charges.
2.5.10. Others

1. Delivery Order		
Delivery Order for newspapers and magazines	LBP	50,000.00
	USD	33.33
Other commodities	LBP	75,000.00
	USD	50.00
2. Consolidated Consignment		
A fine will be assessed by Customs If the consolidation manifest is not attached to the AWB.	LBP	400,000.00

3. Transhipment/Transit
3.1. General
In case of transhipment, transhipment formalities are required.
Charges on request.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
None.

3.3. Restrictions
3.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives
Opium, arms (incl. sporting arms), ammunition, all explosive materials, radar and radio receiver/transmitter: Transit Permit should be available prior to shipment even if transhipment is not necessary in Beirut.
For this purpose carrier's office at Beirut has to present to the authorities the Import Licence required by the destination country. Do not ship before carrier's office at Beirut has confirmed that the Transit Permit has been obtained (Cost of permit on request).
3.3.5. Narcotics and drugs
Opium: See 3.3.4.
3.3.9. Animal products
Eggs are permitted to transit via Beirut for a period not exceeding three days and under the following conditions:
1. The Health Certificate attached to the AWB must be consigned by the local Agricultural Dept. (Veterinary Quarantine Dept.
2. Eggs must be stamped in a way showing the country of origin in French or English
3. Eggs should remain in the original packing.

3.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products
If transhipped at Beirut: Charge for transhipment formalities on request. Customs require a Certificate of Arrival from Customs in destination country, legalised by Lebanese Consulate.
3.3.12. Foodstuffs
Beef and beef products: Entry of beef and beef products from the United Kingdom and Ireland is strictly forbidden.
3.3.15. Others
Radar and radio receivers/transmitters: See 3.3.4.

3.4. Prohibitions
Consignments to and from Israel even if no transhipment is necessary. Turkish Tobacco, even if no transhipment is necessary.

3.5. Charges
3.5.10. Others
Beirut
Charges for Sea/Air shipments on request.

4. Export
4.1. General
Export Customs formalities are required.
Delivery of cargo shipments at the Airport warehouse should be accomplished 24 hours prior to departure except for perishables and shipments delivered by "known shippers": 4 hours.
Customs export formalities should be completed before delivery of goods to carriers.
Customs charges depend on nature and quantity of goods.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
Varies, depending on nature of goods.

4.3. Restrictions
4.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products
Export permit from the Ministry of Economy.
4.3.15. Others
Alcohol, beverages, olives and coffee: Export permit from the Ministry of Economy.

4.5. Charges
4.5.4. Documentation

AWB preparation charge	11.00
AWB amendment charge, except for correction of relevant charges	5.00

4.5.10. Others

AWB statistical charge	11.00

Ancillary charges:

Human remains in coffins, per coffin	10.00
Live animals, per shipment up to 100 kg.	15.00
Over 100 kg.	20.00
Valuable cargo including silver and silverware	15.00
Dangerous/hazardous shipment	80.00

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