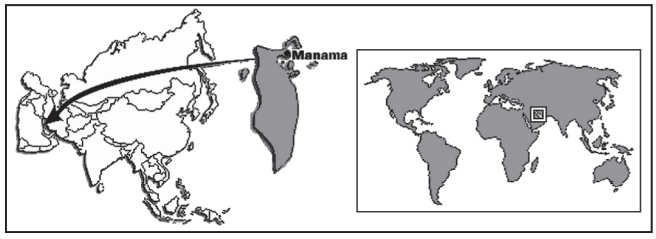
7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

Bahrain (BH)
Amounts shown are expressed in Bahraini Dinar (BHD)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Manama
- Local Time : GMT + 3
- Daylight Saving Time : Bahrain does not observe DST.
- ☎ Country Code : + 973
- Local Currency : Bahraini Dinar (BHD)
- Bank Information : Closed on Friday and Saturday, open on Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
03 Jan 2015
01 May 2015
13 Oct 2015
23 Oct 2015
16 Dec 2015
24 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.
- **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

- **Bahrain - BAH**

Tel.: +973 1732 1632 (Customs)
+973 1732 1818 (Cargo Import)
+973 1732 1810 (Cargo Export)
+973 1732 1808 (Cargo Duty Officer)
+973 3969 6407 (Cargo Duty Officer)
Fax.: +973 1732 0820
+973 1732 1633 (Customs)
+973 1732 1637 (Customs)
E-mail.: marketing@caa.gov.bh
bahimp@bas.com.bh (Cargo Import)
bahexp@bas.com.bh (Cargo Export)
cdos@bas.com.bh (Cargo Duty Officer)
Website: www.bahrainairport.com
bas.com.bh/cargo.htm
Telex: 9186 BN
SITA: BAHAPYF
BAHFGGF

1.2. Airport Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Forklifts, Lower Deck Loader, Main Deck Loader are available.

1.2.2. Storage

- Two cold rooms capacity 228 m² and 189 m²; temperature + 15° C.
- Freezer capacity 17 m²; temperature -15° C.
- Two chillers for storing chilled meat and fish are provided; variable temperature normally kept at -5° C; capacity up to four 96 × 125 ULD s size; 26 m².
- Strong room: Two strong rooms each 20 m² are provided, one for Import and one for Export Cargo.
- Livestock room: 26 m²; Temperature controlled livestock room for domestic animals is provided.
- Human remains: 6.5 m²; Temperature controlled room is available.
- Dangerous goods: Two air-conditioned rooms of 23 m² each.
- Room for radio-active material: Not available.

1.2.3. Clearance
By consignee or Customs approved agent in accordance with Customs Directorate regulations. Consignments not delivered within 90 days from date of arrival will be liable to seizure and sold at public auction by Customs, and all import cargo terminal handling charges and storage will be debited to the delivering carrier/operator.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Airport: 07.00-14.00 hrs. daily except Friday. Full 24 hours daily (including holidays) available upon request.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible for perishables, human remains, valuables and personal effects only.

1.2.5. Delivery
Possible from airport. Arrangements can be made after Customs clearance for delivery to consignees premises.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Possible by air, and surface transportation to GCC countries.

2. Import

2.1. General

2.1.1. Packing
Films must be packed in metal containers.

2.1.2. Marking
Do not show Persian or Arabian Gulf.
Full name/address of consignee and shipper.

2.1.4. Language on documents
English or Arabic.

2.1.5. Other requirements
AWB: Neither Persian Gulf nor Arabian Gulf may be mentioned.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 3 Commercial Invoices, showing name of manufacturer, producer or exporter and containing detailed description of goods (e.g. cloth: woollen or silk; fruits: oranges or apples; etc.).
  Gross and net weights and CIF value of each commodity must be separately listed and must accompany AWB with Invoices. As necessary for the Certificate of Origin the following clause must also appear on the Invoice: “These goods are manufactured by ..... (name of firm)”.
- 3 Certificates of Origin, giving name of manufacturer, country of origin and signed by the merchant or his authorised person. Established by the manufacturer, producer or exporter, signed by either the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Association, official Trade Committee, or Consulate of the Arab League, certifying: “that the goods do not constitute of Israeli origin and that same is not exported from Israel nor do they contain any Israeli material”, and “These goods were manufactured by .....”, giving the name of the firm concerned.
  The Certificate of Origin must accompany the consignment.
  For goods originating in Germany the certificate must include a specific statement that the goods do not constitute part of the German Reparation to Israel nor have they any relation with these reparations. Importation of goods of German origin exported from a country other than Germany is strictly prohibited.
- Insurance policy, if any.
- Separate List: Same as for 2.2.3.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

- 3 Pro Forma Invoices. Free of duty if clearly marked “Samples of no commercial value” on the AWB.
- Separate List: Same as for 2.2.3.

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2.2.3. Gift consignments

- 3 Pro Forma Invoices, stating the purpose of the consignment.
- Separate List: giving CIF value, gross and net weight in kg. and measurement of each package must be indicated separately. For duty-free articles, including advertising material, newspapers, CIF-value, gross and net weight of each separate article must be indicated. Consignments not complying with above regulations will be refused entry.
  The code for each type of goods according to the United Nations International Classification code must be shown on both Commercial Invoices and Certificates of Origin.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

No requirements

2.2.5. Other consignments

No requirements.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Prior to forwarding any live animals into Bahrain it is mandatory to obtain approval (Ok to forward) from the GHA, minimum of 2 working days are required to grant the approval, all requests to be supported by Import permit, health certificate, passport & vaccination record to be submitted on the following email address:
Specialcgo@bas.com.bh

DOGS & CATS

The importation of Dogs & Cats into Bahrain from all countries are subject to prior authorization and approval from The Animal Wealth Directorate (Vet Quarantine in Bahrain) and the Animal must also be accompanied by a proper Health Certificate stating clearly that the animal is free from any disease and is fully vaccinated.

Transshipment / Transit Import permission is required for Dogs & Cats through Bahrain.

HORSES

Before shipping of Horses an Import permit must be issued by Vet. Quarantine at Bahrain.

LIVE BIRDS

Import / Transshipment and Transit of live birds to or through BAHRAIN: An Import Permit is required to ship Live Birds to or Through Bahrain and permission is to be obtained from The Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture, Kingdom of Bahrain Vet. Quarantine.

Prohibited

All Endangered Species, Monkeys, Foxes, Wolves, Lions, Tigers, Snakes, Scorpions, Fighting Roosters, Crocodiles, Spiders and any wild animals.

Import / Transit Permit can be applied through Animal Wealth Ministry of Municipalities Affairs & Agriculture.
Kingdom of Bahrain
Tel.: +973 17643373
Mobile: +973 39448711
Fax: +973 17694673

Above apply to both Cargo and Passenger checked-in Baggage.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Special permit from the Ministry of Interior's office for which applications must be made in advance by consignee.

2.3.15. Others

Charges Collect Shipments

Prior to forwarding any CC shipments to BAH it is mandatory to obtain approval (OK to forward) from GHA, minimum of 2 working days are required to grant the approval.
The request to be sent to the following email address:
Charges.collect@bas.com.bh

Courier shipments

- Pre-alert for courier shipments is a must, same to be sent on the following addresses specialcgo@bas.com.bh.
- All courier shipments must be manifested and to forward the manifest along with CACN, SDO or CBV in a separate envelop.

2.4. Prohibitions

Alcoholic beverages and intoxicating liquors; goods of Israeli origin; indecent, obscene and seditious printed matter, pictures, literature, etc.; opium and cocaine; pearls, cultured, bleached or tinted and pearls undrilled, produced outside the Gulf Area; foxes, hyenas and wolves.

2.5. Charges

2.5.1. General

Bahrain Airport Services (BAS) are the sole cargo handling and storing company and operators of the Import Bonded warehouse and Export Cargo warehouse. All inquiries to be addressed to:
Senior Manager Cargo, Bahrain Airport Services, P.O. Box 22285, Kingdom of Bahrain. Tel: 17 321800, Fax: 17 335314,
SITA/OFTS: BAHFZGF

Note:
All cargo is handled and stored by Bahrain Airport Services and all charges are payable to BAS.

2.5.2. Handling

1. **Standard charge - General Cargo:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg., ... 3.950
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof,
   up to 3000 kg 0.940
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof..... 7.820
2. **Newspapers, Magazines, Periodicals:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg. 2.600
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof,
   up to 3000 kg 0.700
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof..... 5.870
3. **Perishable foodstuffs i.e. chilled meat & fish, fruits, vegetables:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg 2.600
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof,
   up to 3000 kg 0.700
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof..... 5.870
4. **Class "A" Diplomatic Mail, Courier Documents, Livestock, Valuable Cargo as Defined by TACT Rules and any other cargo requiring special handling:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg 7.820
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof,
   up to 3000 kg 1.410
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof..... 11.720
   Note
   Human eyes and Human remains in coffins or cremated ..... free
5. **Merchandise in Baggage:**
   Baggage cleared through the cargo terminal up to the request of the Customs authorities.
   Standard charges under paragraph 1. will apply.
6. **Customs Appraisal:**
   Per consignment for any shipment withdrawn
   for Customs appraisal 2.600
   Note:
   This does not cover any repackaging material if supplid by BAS. Consignees are responsible for opening, presentation to Customs and repackaging.
7. **Courier mail transported as baggage:**
   Per bag handled..... 0.660
8. **IT Levy:**
   Charge per consignment..... 1.200

2.5.4. Documentation

Document Delivery Service
AWBs delivered to Consignees' premises / or
banks, per AWB..... 10.000

2.5.6. Storage

1. **General Cargo:**
   Free period of 3 days including day of arrival. But excluding initial Friday and/or any official public holiday, which arise within or immediately after the free period.
   After the free period, all days are charged upto and including day of delivery.
   Thereafter:
   Per 50 kg. or part thereof, per day 0.700
2. **Perishable cargo requiring cold storage:**
   (Freezer, chiller, cold room)
   Free period of 8 hours.
   Storage provided beyond free hours,
   Per 100 kg. or part thereof, per hour..... 0.200
   Minimum charge 3.000
   Note:
   Abandoned Cargo: In accordance with Customs regulations cargo not cleared within 90 days from date of arrival will be liable to seizure and sold at public auction by Customs and all charges will be debited to the delivering airline / operator.

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2.5.10. Others

1. **Charge for photo copying:**
   Per copy 0.200
2. **Uncollected Import Cargo:**
   - A charge for processing cargo not collectted within 60 minutes of Customs inspection
   - A charge of BHD 10.000 for processing cargo not collected after Customs inspection and returned to Cargo Centre Storage. (Ongoing storage charge will also apply).
3. **Charge per shipment of dangerous goods**
   (RXS/FAM/MUW) levied by the Bahrain Public Security..... 20.000
   The amount must be shown on the AWB in the due carrier box.
4. **Shipments weighing:**
   Shipments can be weighed on request
   Minimum charge for the first 1000 kg 5.000
   Thereafter per extra 500 kg. or part thereof 1.000
5. **Processing charges:**
   Per kg. 0.015
   Minimum per consignment 15.000
   These processing charges will be levied for collecting/delivery from/to third party warehouse within the airport parameter.
6. **Charges Collect Fee:**
   A fee of 2% (minimum BHD 4.200) will be charged against all shipments received on a charges collect basis.
   Note:
   This is in addition to any Charges Collect Fee levied by Airlines.
7. **Import Cargo Delivery order:**
   Per MAWB and/or HAWB received by air and/or road service 7.000

3. Transhipment/transit

3.1. General
Same as for 2.1.

3.2. Documentary Requirements
Same as for 2.2.

3.3. Restrictions
Same as for 2.3.

3.4. Prohibitions
- Arms and ammunition (also for sporting purposes) if transhipped, unless the Ministry of Interior's office has granted exemption, for which application in advance is necessary.
- All goods from or destined to Israel.
- Live Animals:
  1. Transshipment/transit of Birds through Bahrain not allowed without an import from Vet. Quarantine.
  2. Foxes, Hyenas, wolves, monkeys, Lions, Tigers, Snakes, Scorpions, Crocodiles and Spiders or any wild animals are not allowed without an import permit from Vet. Quarantine.

3.5. Charges
3.5.5. Transhipment

1. **On through cargo - AWBs:**
   Per kg. (No minimum charge) 0.006
   Above charge will be charged to the carriers as follows:
   a. To the inbound carrier 0.003
   b. To the outbound carrier 0.003
   Note:
   Normal transhipment time 6 hours unless special arrangements are made.
2. **IT Levy:**
   Charge per consignment 0.600
3. **Processing charges:**
   Per kg. 0.015
   Minimum per consignment 15.000
   These processing charges will be levied for collecting/delivery from/to third party warehouse within the airport parameter.

4. Export

4.1. General
Acceptance 24 hours; Close-out 3 hours before departure except for perishables and valuables 11/2 hour before departure.

4.2. Documentary Requirements
No Export Declaration required.

4.5. Charges
4.5.2. Handling

1. **Standard charge - General Cargo:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg., ... 3.950
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof, up to 3000 kg..... 0.700
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof 4.590
2. **Newspapers, Magazines, Periodicals:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg. 2.600
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof, up to 3000 kg..... 0.530
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof 3.440
3. **Perishable foodstuffs:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg. 2.600
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof, up to 3000 kg..... 0.530
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof 3.440
4. **Class "A" Diplomatic Mail, Courier Documents, Livestock, Valuable Cargo as Defined by TACT Rules and any other cargo requiring special handling:**
   Minimum charge per consignment up to 50 kg. 7.820
   Thereafter per 50 kg. or part thereof, up to 3000 kg..... 1.060
   Over 3000 kg., per 1000 kg., or part thereof 6.880
5. **Standard charge for checking dangerous goods:**
   Per consignment upon acceptance for shipment 8.820
   An extra charge per extra check will be charged in case whereas consignment rejected for errors corrections 3.000
6. **Standard charge for processing automobiles, motorcycles or other equipment/machinery requiring special handling/processing:**
   Per each equipment, vehicle or item 32.400
7. **Security Screening:**
   Standard charge for Screening Export Cargo shipments e.g. courier mail, unaccompanied baggage, and general cargo (under AWB or SDO):
   Up to 100 kg. or part thereof 1.000
   Thereafter per kg. or part thereof (Rounded up to the next 0.025)..... 0.007
8. **Courier mail transported as baggage:**
   Per bag handled..... 0.660
9. **Charge for Bar code labelling:**
   (Bar code labelling performed on behalf of freight forwarders and/or carriers)
   Consignments up to 100 pieces per label attached 0.025
   Minimum per consignment 0.250
   Consignments of over 100 pieces per label attached..... 0.020

4.5.4. Documentation
Where BAS completes an AWB on behalf of the shipper, AWB fee 5.000

4.5.6. Storage

1. **General Cargo:**
   - Providing cargo delivered up to 24 hours before scheduled departure time no storage charges will apply.
   - Cargo not dispatched within 3 working days of receipt will be charged storage as per the below charge:
     Per 50 kg. or part thereof, per day 0.700
2. **Perishable cargo requiring cold storage: (freezer, chiller, cold room)**
   A free period of 8 hours from the time consignment is received will be granted.
   Thereafter:
   Per 100 kg. or part thereof, per hour 0.200
   Minimum charge..... 3.000

4.5.10. Others

1. **Charge for photo copying:**
   Per copy (any document) 0.200
2. **IT Levy:**
   Charge per consignment 1.200
3. **Shipments weighing:**
   Shipments can be weighed on request
   Minimum charge for the first 1000 kg 5.000
   Thereafter per extra 500 kg. or part thereof 1.000
4. **Processing charges:**
   Per kg 0.015
   Minimum per consignment 15.000
   These processing charges will be levied for collecting/delivery from/to third party warehouse within the airport parameter.

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