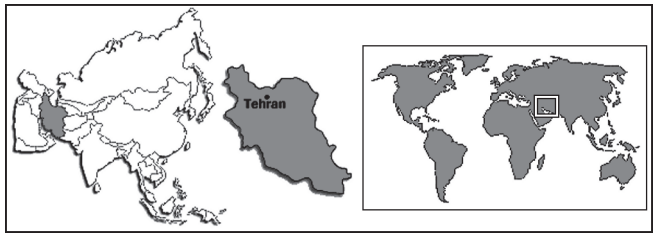
Iran, Islamic Rep. of (IR)

Amounts shown are expressed in Iranian Rial (IRR)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Tehran (THR)
- Capital : GMT + 3.30
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT + 4.30 from 21 Mar to 21 Sep.
- ☎ Country Code : + 98
- Local Currency : Iranian Rial (IRR)
- Bank Information : Closed on Thursday afternoon and Friday, open on Saturday and Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
09 Jan 2015
11 Feb 2015
20 Mar 2015
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- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Hague Protocol (1955)

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

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports
Abadan (Abadan Airport) - ABD, Ahwaz - AWZ, Bandar-Abbas - BND (routing via Tehran), Bandar-Lengeh - BDH, Bushire - BUZ, Chahbahar - ZBR, Isfahan - IFN, Kerman - KER, Kermanshah - KSH, Kish Island - KIH, Mashad - MHD, Shiraz - SYZ, Tabriz - TBZ, Tehran (Imam Khomeini International - IKA) Mehrabad Airport - THR, Yazd - AZD, Zahedan - ZAH.

1.2. Airport Facilities
1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment
Tehran
All kinds of equipment available.

1.2.2. Storage
Abadan
Goods will be stored at Customs Town Warehouse up to 2 months. After this period goods will be salvaged and placed at the disposal of a salvaged Goods Committee.
Cold storage: only available for small articles in carrier's refrigerators.
Safe for valuables: not available.
Room for radio-active material: not available.
Tehran
Goods not released will be stored for not more than two months in the Customs Warehouses at Mehrabad airport at varying rates on the basis of storage period.
Goods not cleared within the two months period will be delivered to the Salvaged Goods Committee.
Cold storage: available between +2 to +8 degrees, with limited space.
Safe for valuables: available only for small items in the local Customs Warehouse.
Room for radio-active material: available.

1.2.3. Clearance
Abadan
In town by the consignee, his agent or his broker.
Tehran
At the airport by consignee or his legal representative.

Note:
Valuables should preferably be cleared in Tehran.

1.2.4. Customs hours
Abadan
Saturday through Thursday 07.30 - 13.30 hrs. Friday closed.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible for urgent consignments only and against payment of overtime fee.
Tehran
Saturday through Thursday 07.30 - 13.30 hrs. Friday closed.
Clearance outside Customs hours only possible for perishables, radio-active material and live animals against payment of overtime fee.

1.2.5. Delivery
Abadan
Possible to consignee within 2 months after arrival.
Tehran
Possible.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding
Abadan
Possible by air to other destinations where Customs are available.
Tehran
Possible by air. By air most convenient, as long complicated formalities are involved when reforwarding by rail or truck.

2. Import

2.1. General
2.1.1. Packing
Bags or trunks containing personal effects and valuable shipments, as defined in IATA, and other goods with a high value, must be steelbanded, lead-sealed or sealed with seals and locked by keys in the case of bags, trunks etc.

2.1.2. Marking
The words "Arabian Gulf" should not appear on packages and consignments. Any markings referring to regions as Arabian Gulf shall result in the goods being refused or confiscated.

2.1.3. Routing
- Any transportation to Customs airports within Iran should be conducted via Tehran (except direct flights to one of the Customs airports).
- If one of the the Customs airports is final destination, it must be clearly stated in the box "Airport of destination" of the AWB.

Note:
To all other destinations within Iran (other than Customs airports), all consignments should be addressed up to Tehran only.

2.1.4. Language on documents
English.

2.1.5. Other requirements
- AWBs and other transportation documents as well as packages should be marked "The Islamic Republic of Iran" for country denomination. Use of any words or marks other than above shall cause refusal or return of the shipment.
  Goods covered under an AWB should arrive in Iran not later than fifteen days from the date of the AWB.

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

- Consignments to the Islamic Republic of Iran should be registered in advance with one of the Banks of Iran so that the required Import Licence could be obtained from the Central Bank of Iran (Bank Markazi Iran) and the organizations concerned.
  Applications must be accompanied by an Invoice or pro forma Invoice approved by consignee who may after approval of the Pro forma Invoice confirm its order stating Registration Number on each page of the consignment documents.
- In case payments are to be made on the basis of Letters of Credit and documentary drafts, documents of an insurance coverage provided in Iran should be forwarded along with the documents.
- Goods which are subject to Customs duties may be imported into the country for a temporary period of not more than six months against a security or a bank guarantee provided that such goods are not basically consumer goods in nature but are related to a project of Government organization and are to be used in connection with such projects by the respective contractors of such projects or are imported for display at an international exhibition.
- AWB: If consigned to a Bank, the box “Also notify” must mention full name and address of ultimate consignee.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 4 copies of Commercial Invoice Forms
  The commercial invoice must contain:
  Complete particulars and address of shipper marks, numbers, kind and number of packages, exact description of goods, gross and net weight, terms of delivery, carriage and transportation charges, country of origin, and the following statement:
- Certificate of Origin
- 3 Pro Forma Invoices for registration with the Iranian Bank
- Prior Import Licence from Central Bank of Iran for Restricted goods. Number of licence (or registration number) to be inserted on shipping documents.
  For non-restricted goods prior Import Permit from Bank Melli, Iran or other authorised bank.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

Pro Forma Invoice. No import permission so far as the main item is not of prohibited nature and the sample is of no commercial value.

2.2.3. Gift consignments

AWB must show that consignment is a gift.
Gifts may be imported without Import Licence, provided:

1. Their value does not exceed IRR 20000.- per person per annum.
2. They do not bear a commercial character.
3. The quantity does not exceed the yearly average individual consumption.
4. The articles as to their nature are not prohibited or restricted for import.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

No documents, but to destinations beyond Tehran or Abadan keys must accompany consignment.

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Health Certificate (legalised by Consulate or Embassy when commercial consignment is involved).
Import Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture, except when not sent as commercial consignment.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Health Certificate legalised by Consulate or Embassy. Import Licence issued by the Ministry of Agriculture should be presented.
Import Permit from the Ministry of Agriculture.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

May only be imported by the Government.

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Import Permit issued by Ministry of Health is required. Special instructions for labelling and marking should be carefully complied with.

2.3.8. Medicines and vaccines

Same as for 2.3.5.

2.3.11. Tobacco and tobacco products

Imports are under strict monopoly of the Government.

2.3.12. Foodstuffs

Prior Import Licence from Ministry of Health is required. An application for Health Certificate concerning consumer safety should be forwarded along with such consignments. This certificate should be issued by Health Inspection Service in the Country of origin and legalised by the Consulate of Iran. It must indicate the quantity raw material, composition and kind of compounds.

Note:
Import of alcoholic drinks is absolutely forbidden even for passengers.

2.3.14. Radio-active materials

1. Airlines Offices, on accepting this commodity for carriage to Iran, should ask the shipper to present an authorization from the relevant organization in Iran and in respect of radio-active materials from the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, to the effect that its import is allowed; otherwise carriage should be refused.
2. After acceptance, consignee should be notified by telex of exact arrival flight number, date and time. A copy of the above telex to be sent to customs, enabling quick clearance and its removal from the airport area.
3. The precaution also applies to technical landings at any one of the country’s airports, as well as overflying Iran’s territory by aircraft carrying radio-active and igneous materials. In this case prior permission should be obtained from Civil Aviation Organization.

2.3.15. Others

Beverages, cosmetics and sanitary articles
Same as for 2.3.12.
Poisons
Same as for 2.3.5.
Igneous materials
Same as for 2.3.14.

2.4. Prohibitions

Too extensive to list. Shipper should contact Consulate.
Import of manufactures and products into Iran from Israel, including products of other countries through Israel, is prohibited. See also 2.3.

2.5. Charges

2.5.6. Storage

Abadan
Charges vary.
Tehran
Charges depend on kind and value of goods.

2.5.10. Others

Abadan, Tehran
Customs overtime fee
Charges depend on officers and hours.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General

- The final destination must be shown on all packages or labels.
- The AWB must be marked: “IN TRANSIT”.
- The indication “ARAB GULF” should not be written on any packages destined for any Arabic States or Islands.

3.3. Restrictions

3.3.1. General

The final destination of all goods must be marked on each package.
On the AWB should be entered: “IN TRANSIT”.
Transhipment of following items is liable to restrictions if an intermediate stop is made:
Alcoholic beverages, ammunition, medicines, opium, pharmaceutical products, tobacco and tobacco products.

3.5. Charges

3.5.5. Transhipment

Tehran
Charges depend on kind of goods and transhipment.

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