Gulf Air (GF/072)

2. Acceptance for Carriage

2.3. Acceptance of Goods

2.3.3. Restrictions in Acceptance

The European Commission (EC) is enforcing the implementation of the Import Control and the Export Control Systems as of 1 January 2011. It is important to note that these new requirements affect not only European carriers but all carriers that operate to and from the EU. The full Airway Bill data capture and House Airway Bill has now become mandatory by many government authorities including customs. Failing to report Airway Bill data in an accurate way before flight arrival will result in huge customs fines being imposed on GF.

Advance notification details of all shipments transiting or terminating in the destination. Arriving shipments must have all relevant AWB information electronically transmitted to the concern customs authority prior to aircraft arriving at destination, also commodity - The actual description of goods has to be reflected on the Master Airway Bill and similar has to enter in the cargo system, for example. Auto parts are not acceptable as it has to be actual spare part name such as Windscreen, Brake Pipes.

A. Restrictions Due to Nature of Goods

1. Live Animals

Animals will be transported by the most direct route, as quickly as possible, subject to the following conditions and exceptions described below:

In general, non- human primates and wild caught birds and any live animals that are used for laboratory or for experimentation or exploitation will not be accepted for carriage on Gulf Air. In exceptional circumstances, where conservation and /or breeding is concerned, acceptance may be granted subject to prior written approval.

Gulf Air Cargo will carry all kinds of animals provided the carriage is legal and safe. Legal means that the relevant host state authorizations and permissions for export have been granted prior to uplift. Safety will be ensured by appropriate risk-assessments and application of IATA and USDA (and other regulatory bodies where appropriate) rules and rules and guidelines on carriage.

1. When accepted, animals will be transported subject to the following:
   a. Odorous or strong smelling animals such as monkeys, skunks, etc. will not be accepted for carriage on GF flights.
   b. Gulf Air accepts only falcons and seeing/hearing dogs as accompanied baggage in the passenger cabin. Prior approval from Gulf Air is required.
   c. Live animals may only be carried as cargo under Master Airway Bill in the bulk hold on all aircraft types. Therefore type, size and quantities are restricted.
   d. Day-old chicks are not permitted to be carried on GF narrow bodied aircrafts.
   e. Domestic pets are carried on all sectors provided shipped is in strict accordance with the current edition of the IATA Live Animals Regulations and IATA TACT country regulations of the countries of origin, transit and destination and information by carrier.
   f. Gulf Air will not be liable for any loss or expenses arising from death of animals due to natural causes or caused by the conduct of the animal itself. AWB must be endorsed “carrier not responsible for injury, sickness, or death of animal(s) from natural causes”.
   g. Endangered species, listed under CITES Appendix I in Chapter 6, will not be accepted for carriage.
   h. Carriage of animals contaminated with infectious diseases is not allowed.
   i. Non-human primates and wild caught birds and any live animals that are used for laboratory or for experimentation or exploitation will not be accepted for carriage. In exceptional circumstances, where conservation and/or breeding are concerned, acceptance may be granted subject to prior written approval.
   j. Puppies under ten weeks old will not be accepted for carriage.
   k. Gulf Air will not accept following dog breeds which when exposed to stress and extreme heat are susceptible to increased risk of heat stroke and breathing problems.
      i). Snub-Nose dogs: all Bull dogs, Pekinese Pugs
      ii). Aggressive dogs: American Pit Bulls Fila Brazileiros, Japanese Tosas, Pit Bull Terriers, Toga Argntinos.
      iii). Brachycephalic dogs: American Staffordshire Terrier, BostonTerrier, Boxer, Brussels Griffin, Bull Terrier, Dutch Pug, English Bulldog, English Toy Spaniel, French Bulldog, Japanese Pug,Japanese Chin, Shih Tzu, Staffordshire Bull Terrier.
   l. Live animals will not be accepted at all for travel on E170/190 aircraft in summer months between April 1st & October 31st.
2. The current edition of “IATA Live Animal Regulation “MUST be used to ensure the correct container type is used, the criteria for acceptance and handling of live animals are followed.
3. ALL Airways bills are endorsed “Carrier NOT responsible for death from natural causes”.
4. Day-old chicks are only accepted under specified conditions and on narrow body Aircraft.
5. Gulf Air recognized by the UK’s Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) and EU Pet Passport System, which allows Cats & Dogs which have already been vaccinated against rabies and micro-chipped to be carried from Kingdom of Bahrain into London Heathrow, without the need for lengthy six month quarantine period.

2. Arms, Ammunition & Explosives Materials

Special permit is required. Apply to Gulf Air.

3. Dangerous Goods

Gulf Air accepts dangerous goods, in accordance with the current IATA Dangerous goods regulations, on all routes.

a. Only explosives of Division 1.4S limited to sporting weapons are acceptable for carriage and only with prior approval from Gulf Air.
b. Prior approval is required from the CAA for the carriage of Munitions of War, Weapons.
c. The carriage of dangerous goods in excepted quantities is restricted. Apply to Gulf Air for details.
d. The carriage of Limited Quantities of dangerous goods (“Y” packing instructions) are not permitted.
e. Interline transfer of dangerous goods will only be accepted if a copy of the acceptance checklist accompanies the consignment together with the DGD and the AWB.
f. The shipper must provide a 24-hour emergency Telephone number of a person/agency who is knowledgeable of the hazards, characteristics and actions to be taken in the case of an accident or incident concerning each of the dangerous goods being transported. This telephone number, including the country and area code, preceded by the words “Emergency Contact” or “24-hour number,” must be inserted on the DGD, preferably in the “Handling Information” box, e.g. Emergency Contact: +47 67 50 00 00.
g. Fissile radioactive materials in any quantity will not be accepted for carriage on GF services.
h. Salvage packaging will not be accepted for carriage on GF aircrafts.
i. Division 6.2 Category A, infectious substance affecting animals (UN 2900) and humans (UN 2814) will be accepted only with prior approval.
j. Class 7 radioactive Materials of Categories I, II, and III will be accepted for carriage, provided the total Transport Index (TI) in one package or in a group of packages must not exceed 3.0 for narrow bodied aircraft and 8.0 for wide bodied aircraft. Restriction applies for total TI per aircraft. Apply to GF.
k. Class 9 Carbon dioxide, Solid (Dry ice) UN 1845 shipped by itself or used as a refrigerant will be restricted to maximum 200 kg. per hold on any GF aircraft. The information to the pilot-in-command should be provided.
l. Class 9 Polymeric beads, expandable, evolving flammable vapour UN 2211 is restricted to 100 kg. per hold on any GF aircraft.
m. Wheelchairs or other battery-powered mobility devices with spillable batteries will be accepted only when the battery is removed from the wheelchair or mobility device and the removed battery classified as dangerous goods and carried only as cargo (**see 2.3.2.3. and 9.3.16**). Batteries attached or installed in the wheelchair or mobility devices will not be accepted
n. Lithium metal or lithium alloy cells and batteries (UN 3090), and lithium metal or lithium alloy cells and batteries packed with or contained in equipment (UN3091) are prohibited from carriage as cargo on GF aircrafts. This prohibition does not apply to GF company materials
o. Dangerous Goods in airmail will not be accepted for carriage on GF aircrafts

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p. Prior approval is required to carry dangerous goods in Division 1; 2.1; 3 & 8 as defined in these regulations on all GF narrow bodied aircrafts Aft hold.

4. Human Remains

a. *Human remains (embalmed or not emblamed)* in Coffin are accepted subject to have advance arrangement and the conditions are fulfilled as spelled out in general rules 2.3.3.A.4.

b. *Human remains (cremated)* in Ashes must be shipped in funeral urns which are efficiently protected against breakage by a cushioning packaging.
Cremated Human remains will be accepted in any aircraft without advance arrangements.

7. Perishables

Shippers must sign the Indemnity Form - For Carriage of Perishable/ Sea Products which releases Gulf Air from all legal liability for shipments of perishables which are liable to deteriorate or perish due to changes in climate, temperature, humidity, altitude or other ordinary exposure, or because of length of time in transit and subject to the following pre-requisite conditions:

1. Advance arrangements have been made with GF
2. Adequate packing
3. Prominent and clear marking or labelling of package(s)

8. Personal Effects

All shipments of personal effects (baggage shipped as cargo) must have attached to the AWB a declaration of contents prepared and signed by the shipper and showing value for customs purposes. Personal effect consists of wearing apparels, household furnishings and personal articles. These articles include portable musical instruments, portable personal electronic devices (such as computers, games and audio/visual equipment) and portable sports equipment. This definition excludes machinery, machine or spare parts, money, securities, jewelry, watches, plate and plated ware, furs, films, cameras, tickets, documents, liquors, performs, merchandise and commercial samples.

11. Valuable Cargo

Valuable Cargo can only be accepted for carriage if the shipper:

a. Declares a value for carriage and the excess valuation charge assessed. The declared value must be the ACTUAL MONETARY VALUE of the goods. Fictitious or false values or 'NVD' are not acceptable;
or

b. Signs a letter of indemnity, releasing Gulf Air from all legal liability for more than SDR 19 per kg. Blank copies of indemnity forms are available from Gulf Air Cargo offices;
or

c. Accepts Gulf Air all-risks insurance, within the limitations of coverage available as shown below.

The above limitations also apply to VAL cargo transferred to Gulf Air by other carriers.

14. Fish shipments

Gulf Air will accept fish shipments packed in dry ice or gel packs only. GULF AIR DOES NOT ACCEPT shipments packed in any form of wet ice.
Fresh seafood must be shipped in leak proof boxes. Each piece must be banded or taped together with a minimum of 2 bands around the width of the box. A polyethylene bag at least 4 mil thick or two 2 mil thick must be used inside each box to prevent leakage.

17. Liquids

Liquids are accepted subject to the following conditions:

a. Liquids which are included in the IATA/ICAO list of dangerous goods must strictly comply with the limitations provided by IATA/ICAO

b. Non restricted liquids must be packed to prevent breakage and leakage arising from blows or from variations in atmospheric pressure, temperature or humidity during flight. As a general rule non restricted liquids must be stored in suitable material hermetically sealed and must be placed in another tightly closed container which must be stuffed with an absorbent material suitable to withstand shocks and prevent leakage. The receptacle must not be filled to over 90% of its capacity in order it to allow the liquid to expand at high altitudes.

B. Restrictions Due to Weight and Dimensions

Any pieces weighing more than 150 kg. and/or which are particularly bulky must be notified to the Gulf Air acceptance office.

3. Transportation Charges

3.2. Valuation Charges

In addition to General Rule 3.2. (1)
Shipper/Consignor if declining to pay valuation charges in excess of the carrier's limit of liability needs to sign the Valuable cargo indemnity form, releasing Gulf Air from all legal liability for more than SDR19 per kg. Blank forms are available from Gulf Air cargo offices.

4. Services and Related Charges

4.3. Insurance

Gulf Air does not offer individual consignment insurance. If required, customer should seek to obtain independent cover. The duplicate copy of the insurance certificate shall be attached to the AWB.

7. Special Country Information

7.2. Charges Collect

7.2.1. General

GF will only accept charges collect shipments in accordance with General Rule 7.2. provided GF receives from the accepting cargo agent or carrier a guarantee to pay all due charges in the event shipment can not be delivered for any reason.

9. Miscellaneous Information

9.1. Fuel Surcharge and Security Surcharge

Gulf Air assesses a fuel surcharge and security surcharge for all consignments. Please contact Gulf Air cargo office for more details.

9.2. Internet Information

To obtain additional information about Gulf Air cargo, please access the internet at www.gfcargo.com

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