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GCC UNIFIED GUIDE FOR CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT FIRST POINTS OF ENTRY



UNIFIED GUIDE FOR CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT FIRST POINTS OF ENTRY INTO THE MEMBER STATES OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB

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{Foreword}

The Member States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) seek to simplify customs procedures within the GCC Customs Union with a view to increasing Intra-GCC trade and international trade, as well as compilation, comparison and analysis of statistics of Intra-GCC trade and international trade.

To cope with the latest developments in customs procedures and the relevant international standards, and to achieve the anticipated objectives of the GCC Customs Union,

The GCC Supreme Council (32nd Session, Riyadh, December 2011) resolved to unify the customs procedures in order to ensure uniform application of the GCC standards and implementation of the requirements of the agricultural and veterinary quarantine, as well as control of the counterfeited and fraudulent commodities across GCC first points of entry, and avoid repetition of the customs procedures at Intra-GCC customs ports, excluding those procedures that have not been applied at the first points of entry.

Accordingly, the GCC Customs Union Authority had instructed (in June 2012) the Customs Procedures & Computerization Committee to prepare the "Unified Guide of Customs Procedures at GCC First points of Entry".

To this effect, the Customs Procedures & Computerization Committee and the GCC Secretariat General have finalized preparation of the "Unified Guide of Customs Procedures at GCC First points of Entry", which was endorsed by the Financial & Economic Cooperation Committee in May 2014, and it was agreed that said Guide would be implemented as of January 2015 across all GCC first points of entry.

On this occasion, the GCC Secretariat General is pleased to put at your disposal the first edition of the "Unified Guide of Customs Procedures at GCC First points of Entry", both in Arabic and English, and extend its gratitude and appreciation to the members of the GCC Customs Procedures & Computerization Committee and all those who have diligently contributed to the completion of this work from all GCC Customs Administrations, for their highly professional and persistent efforts that have led to the successful preparation of this Guide based on the international common practices and customs procedures, which will be used by competent GCC customs officers and business community.

The GCC Secretariat General is hopeful that this work "Guide" would achieve the anticipated goal, further facilitate customs operations in the GCC Member States and fulfill one of the most important requirements of the customs union.

GCC Secretariat-General Division of Economic Affairs Customs Affairs Department

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Reference Code	Description
01	Importation Air, land, sea, wooden vessels/ships, express couriers, post offices, free zones, duty-free shops, customs warehouses
0101	Commercial importation
Controls:	
1. An evi	dence of the importer's activity to obtain the customs code.
2. Present	tation of the required approvals and authorizations from the
compet	tent authorities concerning restricted goods.
3. The cu	stoms office may request translation of the foreign
invoice	s/documents into Arabic.
4. The ow	ner of the goods, his representative or authorized customs
broker	shall maintain the records for a period of five Gregorian years
from co	ompletion of the customs operation for submission to the
custom	ns office, when so requested.
5. The ow	vner of the goods, his representative or the authorized
custom	s broker may submit the customs documents and information
to the	customs office on line. However, original documents shall be
submit	ted to the customs office prior to/ or after release of the
goods,	when so requested.
6. Origina	als of the customs documents shall be submitted to the
custom	is office. However, a copy of the invoice may be accepted
against	an undertaking by the importer to present the original within
a perio	d not to exceed (90) days from the date of such undertaking,
otherw	ise, a security or bank guarantee to be submitted.
7. Forwar	ding agents (sea/air) shall submit the manifest to the customs

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office in paper or electronic format (hard copy or soft copy)		
according to the automated clearance system applicable at the		
customs office for finalization of the customs operation.		
8. The carrier or the authorized customs broker shall submit the		
manifes	st and the registration of the mode of transport to the	
custom	s office pertaining to the goods transported by land or sea, or	
by woo	den vessels/ships or the like, which do not operate regular	
trips, fo	or finalization of the customs operation.	
9. Prepay	ment of the customs taxes/duties and other charges	
accordi	according to the automated clearance system applicable at each	
customs office.		
10. Possibility of prior customs clearance according to the automated		
clearance system applicable at each customs office.		
11. Applicable customs tariffs shall be imposed on the damaged goods		
based on its value at its current state at the time of lodging the		
customs declaration.		
12. Goods	12. Goods subject to local or international ban/prohibition, or to	
applicable international agreements or conventions, or local regulations,		
as well as forfeited goods or goods infringing approved standards or		
intellectual property rights, may not be imported.		
13. The customs office may request Conformity Certificates from the		
country of origin or a report from a public or private laboratory approved		
by the competent authorities, along with taking random samples		
(according to risk assessment criteria).		
Documents to be attached with the Single Customs Declaration:		
1. Original in	voice	
2. Original Certificate of Origin		

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Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land or by wooden vessels or the like)
- 4. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles), indicating the HS code , as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods.

Procedures:

- 1. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be submitted to the customs office.
- 3. Goods shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties provided for in the Common Customs Tariff, with the exception of those exempted under the provisions of GCC Common Customs Law or under the effective GCC Economic Agreement or any other international agreement within the GCC framework.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

0102 Personal importation

Controls:

- 1. Upon personal importation, the importer shall present his I.D, Passport or Residence Visa to complete the customs operation.
- 2. The consignment shall be of a personal nature and in a non-commercial quantity.

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- 3. He shall not be a trader.
- 4. Presentation of the required approvals and permits from the competent authorities concerning restricted goods.
- 5. The customs office may request translation of the foreign invoices/documents into Arabic.
- 6. The owner of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker may submit the customs documents and information to the customs office on line. However, original documents shall be submitted to the customs office prior to/ or after release of the goods, when so requested.
- 7. Prepayment of the customs taxes/duties and other charges according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 8. Forwarding agents (sea/air) shall submit the manifest to the customs office in paper or electronic format (hard copy or soft copy) according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office for finalization of the customs operation.
- 9. The carrier or the authorized customs broker shall submit the manifest and the registration of the mode of transport to the customs office pertaining to the goods transported by land or sea, or by wooden vessels, that do not operate regular trips, for finalization of the customs operation.
- 10. Possibility of prior customs clearance according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 11. Goods subject to local or international ban/prohibition, or to applicable international agreements or conventions, or local regulations, as well as forfeited goods or goods infringing approved standards or intellectual property rights, may not be imported.

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Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land or by wooden vessels or the like)
- 4. Packing List for multiple/several goods (the HS code, as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods to be indicated).

- 1. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and documents to be attached shall be presented to the customs office.
- 3. Goods shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties provided for in the Common Customs Tariff, with the exception of those exempted under the provisions of GCC Common Customs Law or under the effective GCC Economic Agreement or any other international agreement within the GCC framework.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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02	Exportation Air, land, sea, wooden vessels, express couriers, post offices, free zones, duty-free shops, customs warehouses
Controls:	
1. An evidence of the exporter's activity to obtain the customs code.	

- 2. Presentation of the required approvals and permits from the competent authorities concerning restricted goods.
- 3. The customs office may request translation of the foreign invoices/documents into Arabic.
- 4. The customs office may request the documents, contracts, correspondence, etc.
- 5. The exporter, his representative or authorized customs broker shall maintain the records for a period of five Gregorian years from completion of the customs operation for submission to the customs office, when so requested.
- 6. The exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker may submit the customs documents and information to the customs office on line. However, accompanying original documents shall be submitted to the customs office prior to/ or after release of the goods, when so requested.
- 7. Forwarding agents (sea/air) shall submit the manifest to the customs office in paper or electronic format (hard copy or soft copy) according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office for finalization of the customs operation.
 - 8. The carrier or the authorized customs broker shall submit the manifest and the registration of the mode of transport to the customs office pertaining to the goods transported by land or sea, or by wooden vessels,

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that do not operate regular trips, for finalization of the customs operation.

- 9. Prepayment of the customs taxes/duties and other charges according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 10. Possibility of pre-clearance according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 11. Non- conforming or prohibited goods (under national laws or legislation) may not be exported.
 - 12. For the purpose of personal exportation, the exporter shall observe the following:
 - a) the exporter shall present his I.D, passport or Residence/visit visa to complete the customs operation.
 - b) The consignment shall be of a personal nature and of a non-commercial quantity.
 - c) He shall not be a trader.

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Exportation of national products

Documents to be attached with the Single Customs Declaration:

1. Original invoice indicating the country of origin.

Documents to be attached:

1. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles), indicating the HS code, as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods.

- 1. The customs/export declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be submitted to the customs office.

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- 3. Prepayment of the other charges according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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Re-exportation of goods

Controls:

- 1. Goods may be re-exported in the following cases:
 - a. imported goods that have not been withdrawn from customs warehouses.
 - b. Goods imported into the country under *Temporary Admission* procedure.
 - c. Goods deposited with the customs warehouses as one of the cases of suspension of customs taxes/duties.
 - d. Foreign goods for which customs taxes/duties have been paid.
 - e. Foreign goods from local markets (without previous import declaration reference)
 - f. Goods that have been rejected by the competent authority.
 - g. Goods imported for re-exportation.
- 2. The exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker may submit the customs documents and information to the customs office on line. However, accompanying original documents shall be submitted to the customs office prior to/ or after release of the goods, when so requested.
- 3. Possibility of prepayment of the other charges according to the automated

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4. Possibility of customs clearance according to the automated clearance		
system applicable at each customs office.		
5. Locally or inter	nationally prohibited goods, or those subject to applicable	
international	agreements or conventions may not be re-exported.	
Documents to be attached with the Single Customs Declaration:		
1. Copy of first import declaration		
2. Invoice.		
Procedures:		
1. The unified export declaration shall be electronically completed by the		
exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker.		
2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be submitted to the		
customs office.		
3. Payment of the other applicable charges.		
4. The goods shall be subject to inspection / examination based on risk		
assessment criteria. For the purpose of refund of customs duties		
"drawback" or release of bank guarantees, the goods shall be matched		
with the documents of the first import declaration for verification. The		
customs/export declaration shall be electronically printed according to		
the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.		
5. Issuance of	of the exit order and release of the goods.	
0203	Temporary exportation	

Controls:

1. The following goods may be temporarily exported:

a) Heavy equipment and machinery for the completion of projects or for

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conducting field or scientific experiments related to those projects.

- b) Foreign goods exported for completion of manufacturing/processing.
- c) Temporary exported articles for playgrounds, theatres, exhibitions and the like.
- d) Equipment and machinery exported outside the country for repair.
- e) Containers and packaging exported for refilling.
- f) Animals exported for grazing.
- g) Commercial samples for display.
- h) Other cases requiring temporary exportation.
- 2. The applicant shall submit to the customs office color photocopies of the goods that are difficult to identify, for verification when re-imported.
- 3. The customs office may take necessary actions and measures utilizing appropriate means (e.g. photos, electronic barcoding, sampling, sample sealing, etc.) that would enable the customs office to identify those goods when re-imported.
- 4. Goods placed under the cases suspending the customs taxes/duties may not be temporarily re-exported.
- 5. The period of temporary exportation may not exceed one year (365 days) for the cases mentioned in item 1 above (c, e, g).
- 6. Prohibited goods may not be temporarily re-exported.
- 7. The period of temporary exportation may not exceed one year (365 days), but it may be extended for similar periods for maximum five years, unless the necessary period requires a longer period, subject to the approval of the customs office for the cases mentioned under item 1 above (a, b, d).
- 8. The period of temporary exportation may not exceed six months (180 days)

Reference **Description** Code for the cases mentioned in item 1 above (f, h,). 9. The temporary exportation procedure shall be terminated at re-importation of the goods into the GCC States, placing them under final exportation procedure or at the expiry of the temporary exportation period. 10. Approval of temporary exportation shall be obtained from the customs office. 11. spare parts, tires, batteries and other project consumables may not be temporarily re-exported. **Documents to be attached with the Single Customs Declaration:** 1. invoice 2. packing list **Procedures:** 1. The customs/export declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker. 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be submitted to the customs office. 3. Prepayment of the other charges according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office. 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The customs/export declaration shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.

5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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03	Suspension of customs taxes/duties
	Temporary admission, transit goods, deposit with [customs
	warehouses, deposit with free zones and duty-free shops,
	importation for re-exportation
0301	Temporary admission

Cases of Temporary admission

1. The following goods may be granted temporary admission:

- a) Heavy equipment and machinery for the completion of projects or for conducting field or scientific experiments related to those projects.
- b) Foreign goods imported for completion of manufacturing/processing.
- c) Temporarily imported articles for playgrounds, theatres, exhibitions and the like.
- d) Equipment and machinery imported into the country for repair.
- e) imported containers and packaging for refilling.
- f) Animals entering the country for grazing.
- g) Commercial samples for display.
- h) Other cases requiring temporary admission.

Controls of Temporary admission

- 1. (a) for the project to benefit from temporary admission, it shall be completed for the account of the GCC States, or it shall be one of the projects the completion of which requires importation of the necessary equipment and machinery, which are not available in the local markets.
 - (b) Heavy equipment and machinery, which are not available in the local markets, that would be used for the completion of investment projects or for conducting field or scientific experiments related to those projects, may

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be granted temporary admission for a period of six months renewable for similar periods not to exceed three years in aggregate, unless the time required for the completion of the project would require longer period.

- 2. Temporary admission shall be granted to foreign goods imported for completion of manufacturing/processing (paragraph "b") for a period(s) not to exceed one year (365 days) in aggregate, from the date of temporary admission.
- **3**. The applicant shall submit to customs a letter specifying the articles to be imported for the completion of manufacturing/processing and then reexported, along with specifying the form of the end product and quantity thereof.
- **4**. Period of temporary admission shall not exceed six months (180 days) renewable for similar periods , but not to exceed one year (365 days) in aggregate, for the cases mentioned under item (1) (paragraphs c, d, e, f, g, h).
- **5.** The customs office may take necessary actions and measures utilizing appropriate means (e.g. photos, electronic barcoding, sampling, sample sealing, etc.) that would enable the customs office to identify those goods when re-exported.
- **6.** The temporary admission procedure shall be terminated at re-exportation of the goods outside the GCC States, depositing them at the free zones and customs warehouses, or offering them for local consumption upon payment of applicable customs taxes/duties and presentation of the certificate of origin thereof.

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- 7. Goods imported under temporary admission procedure may not be used or disposed for purposes other than those for which they originally imported.
- **8**. Catalogues and color pictures of the temporarily admitted precious goods, and goods that do not bear serial numbers, which are difficult for the customs office to identify, shall be submitted to customs at re-exportation for verification.
- **9**. A copy of the contract or agreement made with the government agency or investment agency for the account of which the project is being completed shall be submitted in the event of temporary admission of the heavy equipment and machinery for the completion of projects or for conducting field or scientific experiments related to those projects.
- 10. In the event temporary admission is requested at first point of entry, the applicant shall seek approval of the customs administration of the country of destination in the GCC States as hereunder:
- a) The applicant shall seek approval of the customs administration of the country of destination in the GCC States on temporary admission, subject to the conditions and controls set out in *Temporary Admission* procedures.
- b) The customs administration of the country of destination shall send its approval to the customs administration of the country of first point of entry, in an automated media, if possible.
- 11. The period of temporary admission may be extended, provided a request for extension shall be submitted to the customs administration of the country of destination in the GCC States. Such approval shall be later submitted to the customs administration of the country of first point of entry prior to expiry of the granted extension.

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- 12. Any shortage in the goods that have been released under temporary admission procedure shall be subject to the customs taxes' duties" applicable at the time of temporary admission.
- 13. The kind and description of the equipment and machinery temporarily admitted may not be changed unless after obtaining the customs administration's approval.
- 14. . Spare parts, tires, batteries and other project consumables may not be granted temporary admission.
- 15. Goods subject to local or international ban/prohibition, or to applicable international agreements or conventions, or local regulations, as well as counterfeited goods or goods infringing approved standards or intellectual property rights, may not be granted temporary admission.
- 16. Presentation of the required approvals and permits from the competent authorities concerning restricted the goods.

Documents required:

1. Original invoice indicating the country of origin.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land or by wooden vessels or the like)
- 4. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles indicating the HS code, as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods to be indicated).

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- 1. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be submitted to the customs office.
- 3. Presentation of a financial or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes/duties applicable to the goods, as well as payment of the other applicable charges, or a written undertaking by the government agency or the guaranteeing agency to cover the goods exempted under the GCC Unified Customs Tariff.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection, examination and verification based on risk assessment criteria. The customs/import declaration shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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030101	ATA Carnet
03010101	Temporary Admission under ATA Carnet

Controls:

- 1- The period for re-exportation of the goods imported under the *ATA Carnet* shall not exceed six months (180 days), provided that the validity of *ATA Carnet* shall not expire during that period.
- 2- The customs endorsements (approvals) on the *ATA Carnet* shall be subject to service fees when clearing the goods beyond official work hours of the customs office.
- 3. The Temporary Admission procedure shall terminate upon payment of the duties and fines applicable to the goods that were not re-exported for any of the following reasons (sale, distribution, loss, theft, damage).

Required documents:

1- The ATA Carnet issued by the country of origin.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land)

- 1. The importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker shall file the *ATA Carnet*.
- 2. The customs office shall enter all the information outlined in the *ATA Carnet* into the automated system.
- 3. The goods shall be subject to risk assessment criteria. The entry/

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inspection /examination order shall be electronically printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.

- 4. The customs office shall stamp and remove the white copy (voucher) designated for temporary admission, and fill out the boxes (1-8) of the counter foil.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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Re-exportation of the goods admitted under the ATA

Carnet

Controls:

- 1- Goods temporarily admitted under the *ATA Carnet*, in a single consignment or more, may be re-exported.
- 2- Goods temporarily admitted under the *ATA Carnet* may be re-exported via a customs port other than that of first entry.
- 3. The Temporary Admission procedure shall terminate at payment of the duties and fines applicable to the goods that were not re-exported for any of the following reasons (sale, distribution, loss, theft, damage).

Documents to be attached:

1- The ATA Carnet.

- 1. The owner of the goods/importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker shall file the *ATA Carnet* to the customs office.
- 2. The customs office shall enter all the information outlined in the *ATA Carnet* into the automated system.
- 3. The goods shall be subject to inspection /examination.
- 4. The customs office shall stamp and remove the white copy (voucher)

Reference **Description** Code designated for re-exportation, and fill out the boxes (1-8) of the counter foil designated for re-exportation. 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods. **Goods in transit under the ATA Carnet** 03010103 Subject to the International Convention on temporary Admission (ATA Carnet). **Controls:** 1- The exit customs port/office shall ensure that the goods have exited the country within the authorized transit period. 2. The Temporary Admission procedure shall terminate upon payment of the duties and fines applicable to the goods that were not re-exported for any of the following reasons (sale, distribution, loss, theft, damage). **Required documents:** 1- The ATA Carnet. **Documents to be attached:** 1. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation) 2. Manifest (for importation by land) **Procedures:** 1. The owner of the goods/importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker shall file the ATA Carnet to the Entry/Exit customs office. 2. The customs office shall enter all the information outlined in the ATA *Carnet* into the automated system. 3. The goods shall be subject to inspection /examination.

4. The customs office shall stamp and remove the blue copy (voucher)

designated for transit, of the ATA Carnet, and fill out the boxes (1-7) of

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the counter foil designated for transit.	
5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.	

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030102	Temporary Admission of Foreign Private Motor
	Vehicles

Controls:

- 1- Foreign private motor vehicles (other than those registered in any of the GCC States) shall be granted temporary admission license as follows:
 - a) Six months (180 days) for motor vehicles guaranteed by a valid international passage carnet.
 - b) Three months (90 days) for motor vehicles not guaranteed by a valid CPD,
 - renewable for similar periods, if the applicant submits a bank guarantee or a deposit equivalent to the amount of the customs duties payable on the motor vehicle.
- 2- In order to benefit from the temporary admission of foreign private motor vehicles, the following requirements shall be met:
 - a- The motor vehicle shall be officially registered in the country licensed therein under a supporting document.
 - b- The license shall be valid, and the motor vehicle shall not bear "For Export" plates.
 - c- The motor vehicle shall be insured by an approved insurer in the country. Insurance shall cover the motor vehicle throughout temporary admission period.
 - d- An international CPD carnet, approved in any of the GCC States, shall be presented to guarantee the amount of customs taxes/duties.
- 3- For the person to benefit from the temporary admission of foreign private motor vehicles, the following requirements shall be met:

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- a- The person shall be the owner of the motor vehicle, or authorized to drive it under a duly certified special proxy issued by the country of registration of the motor vehicle.
- b- He shall have a valid residence permit in the country of registration of the motor vehicle, if he is not a national of that country.
- c- He shall have a valid driving license.
- 4- The international passage carnet or any other carnet approved by the GCC States shall be acceptable to the customs administration, and the validity of the carnet shall cover the temporary admission period.
- 5- Foreign students (other than GCC nationals), studying in any university or institute in the country, may renew the temporary admission period of their motor vehicles during their study or scholarship period, provided that such motor vehicles shall be covered by a valid CPD carnet.
- 6- The following actions shall be taken upon the temporary admission of motor vehicles:
 - a) The number , date and admission period of the temporary admission license shall be recorded on the CPD carnet.
 - b) The respective voucher (foil) shall be taken out from CPD carnet at both Entry and Exit.
- 7- The Temporary Admission procedure of foreign motor vehicles shall terminate once the motor vehicle has exited the country through any GCC customs ports, at placing the motor vehicle in one of the GCC free zones, or at clearing the motor vehicle for home use after payment of the applicable customs taxes/duties, subject to the customs administration' approval.

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Required documents:

- 1- A valid international CPD Carnet.
- 2- A valid driving license.

- 1. The driver shall present an international CPD *Carnet* approved to the customs office.
- 2- The customs office shall stamp and remove the respective copy (foil) of the approved CPD Carnet.
- 3. The customs office shall enter all the information recorded in the approved *CPD Carnet* into the automated system. Then the customs office shall issue the temporary admission license for the motor vehicle containing all information related to the motor vehicle and the driver (i.e. plate number, chassis No., engine number, type of motor vehicle, color, as well as name and nationality of the driver and his passport number.
- 4. The motor vehicle shall be subject to inspection/examination based on risk assessment criteria.
- 5. Issuance of the entry/exit order and release of the motor vehicle.
- 6. Present an evidence proving registration of the students.

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0302	Goods in transit

Subject to the conventions regulating transit of goods

Controls and conditions to be met in the modes of transport used for transit:

- 1. Motor vehicles shall be duly licensed under a valid traffic license.
- 2. Lead and customs seal shall be easily affixed thereon.
- 3- A partition shall be installed between driver's cabin and the goods compartment, to ensure proper placement of packing and canvas under procedures of this policy.
- 4. No goods can be taken out or placed in the part of the motor vehicle on which the lead or customs seal is affixed without breaking or leaving obvious tampering traces.
- 5. The motor vehicle shall not contain hidden compartments wherein goods can be concealed.
- 6. The floor and sides of the load compartment shall be firmly secured to the chassis in such a manner that it can be separated only from inside. In addition, metal rings shall be welded on the sides.
- 7. Open modes of transport shall be covered with canvas firmly secured by ropes, wrapped from outside with a wire that allows affixing of the lead or the customs seal in a way that prevents access to the goods.

Modes of transport to be fitted with canvas that meets the following conditions:

- 1. Canvas shall be intact and made of strong fabric, plastic coated fabric or reinforced rubber, consisting of a single piece.
- 2. Canvas shall cover the whole load and roll down the sides of the load

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compartment being wrapped.

3. Canvas shall be fitted with metal rings secured into the fabric on its length at equal distances to prevent leakage of the goods.

Roping (lead rope) shall meet the following conditions:

- 1. Rope shall consist of a single piece ending with a metal piece on both sides. The metal piece shall be hollowed to accommodate the customs seal.
- 2. Rope shall be of a length that allows its ends to be combined after passing through all canvas rings , as well as compartment hooks.
- 3. Rope to be firmly secured to prevent access to any part of the load compartment or the load itself without cutting or damaging it.

The customs seal (lead) shall meet the following conditions:

- 1. It shall be made from robust metal or plastic weatherproof material that prevents breaking or wear.
- 2. It shall be of an adequate form and size to allow visibility.
- 3. It shall be difficult to imitate or forge.
- 4. It shall bear the word :customs' and the name of the country.
- 5. It shall bear serial numbers.
- 6. It shall be designed for a single use only (disposable).

The load compartment/container shall meet the following conditions:

- 1. Constituent components (sides, covers, top, columns, partitions) shall be impossible to remove or replace from outside without leaving obvious traces.
- 2. The doors and closing/locking systems shall be designed in such a way that would easily allow affixing of the customs seal/lead thereon.
- 3. The closing/locking system shall be impossible to remove or replace from outside.

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- 4. The door shall be designed in such a way that it cannot be opened without removing of the customs seal/lead.
- 5. Ventilation ducts (louvers) shall be designed in such a way that they cannot be opened from outside , and goods cannot be taken out through them.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Bill of Lading (for air or sea transport)
- 2. Manifest (land transport)
- 3. The invoice, if any.

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the freight agent or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. Presentation of a financial security or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes/duties applicable to the goods, as well as payment of the other applicable charges.
- 3. All documents and documents to be attached shall be submitted to the customs office.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Sealing and printing of the customs declaration shall be completed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

Reference Code	Description
0303	Deposit/placement of goods in customs warehouses

Controls of customs warehousing:

- 1. warehouse to be located within or outside the customs office according to the conditions endorsed by the GCC States.
- 2. warehouse to be designated as a "customs warehouse" and notified to all GCC States.
- 3- goods may be deposited in the customs warehouses without payment of due customs taxes/duties.
- 4. Goods shall be allowed to stay in customs warehouses for a period of one year (365 days), renewable for similar periods, total of which not to exceed three years, provided that applicable customs taxes/duties to be collected after expiry of the designated period.
- 5. Presentation of the required approvals and permits from the competent authorities concerning restricted goods.
- 6. infringing or prohibited goods (under national laws or legislation) may not be deposited in a customs warehouse.
- 7. Goods may move between customs warehouses of the GCC States under the GCC unified Customs Declaration. The customs declaration shall be attached with the original invoice of the goods indicating the country of origin, after obtaining approval of the customs warehouse the goods are dispatched to, subject to presentation of a financial security or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes/duties applicable to the goods. However, the period of first deposit of the goods (paragraph 4) shall not be exceeded.

Reference **Description** Code Documents to be attached with the customs declaration: 1. Original invoice 2. Original certificate of origin. **Documents to be attached:** 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation) 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation) 3. Manifest (for importation by land or by wooden vessels or the like) 4. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles indicating the HS code , as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods to be indicated). **Procedures:** 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter, his representative or the authorized customs broker. 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be shall be attached. 3. Payment of the other applicable charges. 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Sealing and printing of the customs declaration shall be completed according to the automated clearance system

applicable at the customs office.

5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

Reference Code	Description
0304	Deposit/placement of goods in free zones and duty-
	free shops
Controls of free zones and duty-free shops:	

- 1. Free zones and duty-free shops should have been officially designated as such and notified to all GCC States.
- 2. Goods may be deposited in the free zones and duty-free shops without payment of due customs taxes/duties.
- 3- Foreign goods re-exported from inside the country to free zones and dutyfree shops may be admitted into the country, subject to export restrictions and customs procedures applicable at re-exportation.
- 4. Deposited goods leaving/entering the free zones and duty-free shops shall be treated as foreign goods.
- 5. Infringing or prohibited goods (under national laws or legislation) may not be deposited in the free zones and duty-free shops.
- 6. The following goods are prohibited from entering the free zones and dutyfree shops:
 - a) Flammable goods (other than fuel)
- b) Radioactive materials
- c) Weapons, ammunition and explosives, of any type.
- d) Goods violating commercial, industrial, literary and art regulations.
- e) Drugs (narcotics), of all kinds and derivatives thereof.
- f) Goods originating in an economically boycotted country.
- g) Goods prohibited from entering the GCC Customs Union or the country of final destination or transit.
- 7. Goods indicated in the unified customs declaration or the manifest may not

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be transported or imported into the free zones and duty-free shops without approval of the Director General.

8. Goods deposited in the free zones and duty-free shops shall not be subject to any restriction in terms of the period allowed therein.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

- 1. Original invoice
- 2. Original certificate of origin.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land)
- 4. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles indicating the HS code , as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods to be indicated).

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the owner of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be shall be attached.
- 3. Presentation of a financial security or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes/duties applicable to the goods at the time of clearing the goods via a customs port of the country other than the country licensing the free zones and duty-free shops, upon payment of the other applicable charges.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk

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assessment criteria. Printing of the customs declaration shall be	
completed according to the automated clearance system applicable at	
the customs office.	
5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.	

Reference Code	Description
0305	Import for re-exportation
	Air, land, sea, wooden vessels/ships, express
	couriers, post offices, free zones, duty-free shops,
	customs warehouses
Controls	

Controls:

- 1. An evidence proving the importer's activity to obtain the customs code.
- 2. Presentation of the required approvals and permits from the competent authorities concerning restricted goods.
- 3. The customs office may request translation of the foreign invoices/documents into Arabic.
- 4. The owner of the goods, his representative or authorized customs broker shall maintain the records for a period of five years from completion of the customs operation for submission to the customs office, when so requested.
- 5. The owner of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker may submit the customs documents and information to the customs office on line. However, original documents shall be submitted to the customs office prior to/ or after release of the goods, when so requested.
- 6. Originals of the customs documents shall be submitted to the customs office. However, a copy of the invoice may be accepted against an undertaking by the importer to present the original within a period not to exceed (90) days from the date of such undertaking, or a financial or bank guarantee to be submitted.
- 7. Forwarding agents (sea/air) shall submit the manifest to the customs

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office in paper or electronic format (hard copy or soft copy) according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office for finalization of the customs operation.

- 8. The carrier or the authorized customs broker shall submit the manifest and the registration of the mode of transport to the customs office pertaining to the goods transported by land or sea, or by wooden vessels, that do not operate regular trips, for finalization of the customs operation.
- 9. Presentation of a financial security or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes/duties applicable to the goods, and prepayment of the customs taxes/duties and other charges according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 10. Possibility of pre-clearance according to the automated clearance system applicable at each customs office.
- 11. Applicable customs tariffs shall be imposed on the damaged goods based on its value at its current state at the time of lodging the customs declaration.
- 12. Goods subject to local or international ban/prohibition, or to applicable international agreements or conventions, or local regulations, as well as counterfeit goods or goods not conforming to approved standards or intellectual property rights, may not be imported for re-exportation.
- 13. The customs office may request Conformity Certificates from the country of origin or a report from a public or private laboratory approved by the competent authorities, along with taking random samples (based on risk assessment criteria).

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- 14. The period of import for re- exportation may not exceed six months (180 days).
- 15. Goods imported under import for re-export procedure may not be used or disposed, in the event the importer wishes to re-export the goods.
- 16. The customs office may take necessary actions and measures utilizing appropriate means (e.g. photos, electronic barcoding, sampling, sample sealing, etc.) that would enable the customs office to identify those goods when re-exported.
- 17. Goods imported under import for re-export procedure may be reexported outside the GCC States , or placed in the free zones , duty-free shops or customs warehouses.
- 18. Goods imported under import for re-export procedure may be split in more than one Re-exportation Declaration , or partially cleared for home use.
- 19. part of , or all entries of bank guarantees shall be cleared when the goods are placed for local consumption, in part or whole , or otherwise disposed, upon expiry of the designated period of six months (180 days) and payment of the due customs taxes "duties".
- 20. The customs office will forfeit all or part of the cash deposits/ securities, as customs taxes "duties", in the event the goods are placed, in part or whole, for local consumption, or otherwise disposed, or upon expiry of the designated period (180 days).

Documents to be attached with the single customs declaration:

- 1. Original invoice
- 2. Original certificate of origin.

Reference **Description** Code **Documents to be attached:** 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation) 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation) 3. Manifest (for importation by land or by wooden vessels or the like) 4. Packing List for multiple goods (several articles indicating the HS code , as well as the international code for chemicals or hazardous goods to be indicated). Procedures: 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker. 2. All documents and deliverables shall be shall be attached. 3. Presentation of a financial security or bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to the amount of customs taxes "duties" applicable to the goods under the GCC Common Customs Law, the GCC Unified Economic Agreement or any other international agreement within the framework of the GCC. 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk criteria. Printing of the customs declaration shall be processed

according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs

5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

office.

Reference Code	Description
04	Drawback (Refund of customs duties)
Controls:	
1. Re-exporter	shall be the original importer of the foreign goods, or any
other person	who proves to the satisfaction of customs that he has
purchased th	ne goods in question.
2. Foreign goo	ds to be re-exported within one year (365 days) from the
date of payn	nent of the customs taxes/duties collected on them when they
were first im	ported into the GCC States.
3. The clain	n for refund of the customs taxes/duties shall be filed within
six month	s (180 days) from the date re-exported.
4. Foreign g	oods to be re-exported shall constitute a single consignment,
for ease o	of identification and verification. Such consignment may be re-
exported	in parts once proved to the customs office that such parts
belong to	the same consignment.
5. The claim	for refund of the customs taxes/duties shall pertain to foreign
goods tha	at have not been cleared for home use which are in the same
state whe	en imported into the GCC States.
6. Drawback	shall be limited to those customs taxes/duties actually
collected	on the foreign goods at importation.
7. The custo	oms taxes/duties shall be refunded after re-exportation of the
foreign go	oods and verification of all supporting documents.
8. The value	e of the foreign goods to be re-exported , for which customs
taxes/dut	ies will be refunded, shall not be less than five thousand US
Dollars (d	or its equivalent in the local currency).
9. The docu	ments and details of the goods to be re-exported shall match

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those attached with the import declaration of the goods to be reexported.

Required documents:

- 1. Copy of the import declaration
- 2. Copy of the Re-export Declaration , to be signed and stamped by the competent customs officer at the Exit Customs Office indicating that the goods have exited the GCC States.

- 1. Filing an application for "drawback" to the customs office of first point of entry.
- 2. Presentation of an evidence of the payment of the customs taxes/duties applicable to the foreign goods.
- 3. Customs taxes/duties will be refunded after verification of all required documents.

Reference Code	Description
05	Exemptions
0501	Diplomatic Exemptions (Foreign Missions)

Target category:

- a. Embassies and consulates accredited to the GCC States (based on reciprocity principle).
- International foreign organizations and corps accredited to the GCC States.
- c. Heads and members of the diplomatic and consular bodies accredited to the GCC States(based on reciprocity principle).

Controls of diplomatic exemptions

- **1.** Exempted goods may not be utilized/assigned for a purpose other than for which it have been exempted, subject to notification of the customs office and payment of applicable customs taxes/duties.
- Customs taxes/duties shall not be levied on the exempted goods, if the beneficiary has disposed the goods after expiry of three years (1095 days) from the date cleared from the customs office (based on reciprocity principle).
- 3. Exempted motor vehicles may not be disposed prior to expiry of three years (1095 days) from the date exempted at first point of entry, excluding the following cases:
 - a. Termination of the office term of the diplomatic/ consular member benefiting from the exemption in the country.
 - b. If the exempted motor vehicles had a serious traffic accident that renders it unusable by the diplomatic/ consular member, based on a joint recommendation by the Traffic Department and the Customs

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- c. The sale of the motor vehicle by a diplomatic/ consular member to another diplomatic/ consular member, provided that the assignee shall enjoy the right of exemption.
- 4. The right of exemption shall take effect from the date the beneficiaries commence their jobs at their places of office in the country.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

- 1. Diplomatic exemption Form issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to foreign missions.
- 2. Invoice.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land)
- 4. Packing List for used or hazardous goods.

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be attached.
- 3. Payment of the other applicable charges.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination according to commonly applicable diplomatic practices. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.

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5. Issuance	5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.		
0502	Military exemptions		
Target category	y :		
a. Armed fo	orces of the GCC States.		
b. All secto	rs of the internal security forces of the GCC States.		
Controls of mili	tary exemptions		
1. The follo	wing materials : ammunition, arms, military equipment,		
military i	means of transport, military spare parts and any other		
materials	s shall be exempted per a decision by the competent authority		
of any G	CC State.		
2. For the s	sale of the exempted materials, the competent authority shall		
submit a	written request to the customs administration for approval of		
the sale,	subject to physical examination of such materials and		
payment	of applicable customs taxes/duties.		
Documents to	be attached with the customs declaration:		
1. A letter f	rom the Armed Forces or the Internal Security Forces in any of		
the GCC Sta	ates stating that the imports belong to them.		
2. Invoice.			
3. Certificat	e of Origin (in the case of indirect importation)		
Documents to be attached:			
1. Delivery	order (for air or sea importation)		
2. Bill of La	ding (for air or sea importation)		
3. Manifest	(for importation by land)		
Procedures:			
1. The cust	oms declaration shall be electronically completed by the		

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exporter of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker.

- 2. All required documents shall be shall be submitted to the customs office.
- 3. Payment of the other applicable charges.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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Industrial exemptions

Target category:

1. Projects licensed under "GCC Unified Industrial Regulatory Law" and Implementing Rules thereof.

Controls of industrial exemptions

- 1. The industrial enterprise shall have obtained a valid industrial license from the competent authority.
- 2. The owner of the industrial enterprise, who has been granted customs exemption, shall maintain a registration record (Forms "C" and "D") according to the controls of industry inputs in the GCC States.
- 3. Exemption shall be granted to the equipment and machinery, parts, raw materials, semi-manufactured materials and immediately required packing materials throughout the operation of the enterprise.
- 4. The industrial enterprise may not dispose the equipment and machinery, parts, raw materials, semi-manufactured materials and packing materials, which have been exempted from customs taxes/duties, for a purpose

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other than for which they have been exempted. The Customs Office shall have the right to further control for verification. Should it be impossible to use these equipment and materials for a purpose for which they have been exempted, the enterprise shall apply to the customs office for approval after payment of the applicable customs taxes/duties.

- 5. The licensed enterprise shall import the specified quantities according to the capacity (quota) licensed for industrial production.
- 6. Only the quantities specified per the industrial exemption decision shall be exempted. Should those quantities be exceeded, applicable customs taxes/duties shall be collected on the extra quantities.
- 7. Customs taxes/duties may be paid under deposit ,pending the issuance of the industrial exemption decision, for a period of six months (180 days) renewable for a similar period (but one year "365 days" at the latest) from the date of customs declaration, based on a recommendation by the competent authority or according to the procedure applicable in each Member State.
- 8. Customs taxes/duties may be paid under deposit, until industrial exemption Form (B) has been obtained, for a period of three months (90 days) renewable for a similar period (but one year "365 days" at the latest) from the date of customs declaration

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

- 1. Certificate of Customs Exemption of the imports of an industrial enterprise to the first point of entry, to be issued by the competent authority of the country of final destination of the GCC States (Form "B").
- 2. Original Invoice.

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3. Original Certificate of Origin .			
Documents to b	pe attached:		
1. Delivery o	rder (for air or sea importation)		
2. Bill of Ladi	ing (for air or sea importation)		
3. Manifest (for importation by land)		
3. Packing Li	st		
Procedures:			
1. The custon	ms declaration shall be electronically completed by the		
exporter of t	he goods, his representative or the authorized customs		
broker.			
2. All docume	ents and Documents to be attached shall be shall be attached.		
3. Payment o	of the other applicable charges.		
4. The goods	s shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk		
assessmer	nt criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to		
the autom	ated clearance system applicable at the customs office.		
5. Issuance of	of the exit order and release of the goods.		
0504	Personal exemption		
050401	Exemption of personal effects and used household		
	items		
Controls of person	onal exemption		
1. Exemption shall be granted to the GCC nationals residing outside the			
GCC States and the expatriates arriving in the GCC States for the first			
time for residence.			
2. The personal effects and household items shall be used, of a personal			
nature, in n	nature, in non-commercial quantities and imported from the country of		

Reference **Description** Code residence. 3. Expatriates shall present evidence of their arrival for work or residence in the GCC States for a period of one year (365 days) in the minimum, as a prerequisite for the exemption of their personal effects and household items. 4. Exemption does not cover the means of transport, of any type, and the goods of special nature. 5. The personal effects and household items shall be subject to the provisions of prohibition/restriction provided for in the GCC Common Customs Law and national legislations. Documents to be attached with the customs declaration: 1. Copy of I.D., passport or residence visa. 2. Detail packing list of used household items. 3. Commercial invoice of the new personal effects and household items. Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land)

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be shall be attached.
- 3. Payment of the other applicable charges.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk

Reference **Description** Code assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office. 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods. **Exemption of personal effects and gifts** 050402 accompanying passengers

Controls of exemption

- 1. The value of the personal effects and gifts accompanying passengers shall not exceed SR 3000 or its equivalent in the currencies of the States.
- 2. The personal effects and gifts shall be of a personal nature and in noncommercial quantities.
- 3. The passenger shall not be a frequent traveler through the customs office or a trader or a member of the crew of the means of transport.
- 4. The number of cigarettes to be exempted shall not be greater than "400" cigarettes.
- 5. If the exemption controls are not satisfied, the personal effects and gifts accompanying passengers shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties according to the applicable tariff rates
- 6. The personal effects and gifts shall be subject to the prohibition/restriction provisions set forth in the GCC Common Customs Law, pursuant to the unified or individual lists of prohibited/ restricted commodities agreed on within the GCC framework.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

1. Copy of I.D., passport or residence visa.

Procedures:

1. The passenger shall proceed to the "something to Declare " lanes to

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declare the accompanying effects, if any, and fill out the respective customs declaration.

- 2. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The simplified Customs Declaration (immediate release) shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 3. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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Exemption of the imports of Foundations (Charities)

Controls of exemption of the imports of the approved Foundations/Charities

- To benefit from exemption, the Foundation/Charity shall be registered with the competent authority in the GCC States. The objective of the foundation/charity shall be to provide services in humanitarian, social, cultural, scientific . religious areas or any other non-profit charitable objective.
- 2. The nature of the imports shall match the purposes and activity of the Foundation, as outlined in its bylaw.
- 3. The volume and quantity of the imports shall be consistent with the actual needs of the Foundation to enable it to run its activity.
- 4. The materials and items to be directly imported in the name of the Foundation.
- 5. The Foundation/Charity may not dispose the exempted imports for a purpose other than for which they have been exempted. The Foundation management shall be responsible for such disposal to the customs.
- 6. Should the foundation/ charity intend to sell the used or consumed

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materials that have been exempted from customs taxes/duties, it shall submit a written request for approval to the customs office, after conducting the necessary examination and payment of the applicable customs taxes/duties.

7. The government agency shall write to the customs office regarding the exemption of the Foundation's imports, on a case by case basis.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

- 1. The exemption letter from the accredited competent government body in any of the GCC States.
- 2. Original invoice
- 3. Certificate of Origin

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 3. Manifest (for importation by land)
- 4. Packing list of multiple items

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the exporter , his representative. Or authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be furnished to the customs office.
- 3. Payment of the other applicable charges.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.

Reference Code	Description
5. Issuance	of the exit order and release of the goods.
0506	Exemption of re-imported goods
Controls for the	exemption of re-imported goods
1. GCC origina	ating re-imported goods, previously exported, shall be
exempted f	from customs taxes/duties, provided such re-imported goods
are the sam	ne goods that were exported under the original export
declarations	s (in terms of origin, specifications and distinguishing marks).
2. Foreign re-	imported goods, previously exported, shall be exempted from
customs tax	xes/duties, subject to the following controls:
i. Foreign g	goods to be re-imported within one year (365 days) from the
date of re	e-exportation.
ii. customs	taxes/duties shall have been collected on such goods when
imported	•
iii. custom	ns taxes/duties shall not have been refunded when the goods
were re-e	exported.
iv. Goods	shall have been re-exported under original export

3. Goods temporarily exported outside the GCC States shall be exempted from customs taxes/duties according to temporary exportation controls for the following goods:

and distinguishing marks.

declarations indicating their origin, specifications and distinguishing

marks. Re-imported goods shall have the same origin, specifications

- a) Heavy equipment and machinery for the completion of projects or for conducting field or scientific experiments related to those projects.
- b) Foreign goods exported for completion of manufacturing/processing.

- c) Temporary exported articles for playgrounds, theatres, exhibitions and the like.
- d) Equipment and machinery exported outside the country for repair.
- e) Containers and packaging exported for refilling.
- f) Animals exported for grazing.
- g) Commercial samples for display.
- h) Other cases requiring temporary exportation.
- 4. Goods that have been changed and are difficult to identify, shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties.
- 5. customs taxes/duties shall be collected on the value of the increase resulting from the completion of manufacturing/processing or repair of the goods.
- 6. Licensed means of transport, registered in the GCC States, including, *inter alia*, trip ships, picnic boats, yachts and entertainment vessels, that have previously exited the country, shall be exempted from customs taxes/duties, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Such means of transport shall be documented in the records of the GCC competent authorities at exit and re-entry.
 - b. customs taxes/duties shall have been collected on them when they were first imported.
 - c. customs taxes/duties shall have been refunded when they were reexported and exited the country.
 - d. customs taxes/duties shall be collected on the value of the increase effected to such means of transport.
 - e. In the event license plates of such means of transport have been

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- cancelled by the competent authority and then re-imported within one year (365 days) from the date re-exported, subject to the provisions of clauses (a, b, c) above.
- f. Means of transport whose license plates have been cancelled by the competent authorities are to be excluded from exemption, and customs taxes/duties shall be collected on them when re-imported within one year (365 days) from the date re-exported.
- 7. Exemption shall not be granted to re-imported goods (that were temporarily exported), if such goods have exceeded the specified temporary exportation period, on a case by case basis, in which case customs taxes/duties shall be collected on them.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

- 1. Copy of the Export, Re-export or Temporary Export declaration and the documents attached therewith.
- 2. Invoice of the value of the increase effected to the goods/means of transport
- 3. Copy of the ownership document of the means of transport registered in the GCC States.

Documents to be attached:

- 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation)
- 2. Manifest (for importation by land)

Procedures:

1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the owner

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of the goods, his representative or the authorized customs broker. No customs declaration shall be filed for registered means of transport when exiting and entering through land customs ports. However, customs declarations shall be filed for the means of transport when re-exported or re-imported through air, sea or land ports.

- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be furnished to the customs office.
- 3. Payment of the other applicable charges. The resultant increase in the value of the goods/means of transport shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties provided for in the Common Customs Tariff, with the exception of those exempted under the provisions of GCC Common Customs Law or under the effective GCC Economic Agreement or any other international agreement within the GCC framework.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office.
- 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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Exemption of imports of people with special needs

Controls for the exemption of imports of people with special needs

1. Target category:

- i. Government entities concerned with people with special needs
- ii. Foundations /societies licensed to take care of people with special needs, for the foundation's purposes only.
- iii. GCC nationals holding "people with special need cards", for personal use based on the type of disability.

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- **2.** Imports of people with special needs shall be exempted according to the provisions set forth in the GCC Common Customs Law and the Implementing Rules thereof.
- **3.** The foundations/societies benefiting from exemption shall be registered with the competent government entities in the GCC States. The purpose of such foundations/societies shall be to provide services to the people with special needs.
- **4.** The individuals benefiting from this exemption shall be GCC nationals holding "people with special need cards".
- **5.** The volume , quantity and kind of the imports shall match the actual needs that would enable the foundation/society perform its activity.
- **6.** The volume , quantity and kind of the imports shall be conforming to the actual needs, based on the type of disability.
- **7.** Imports for the people with special needs shall be directly imported in the name of the target agencies.
- **8.** The individuals benefiting from exemption may not dispose the imported motor vehicles prior to the expiry of three years from the date imported, otherwise applicable customs taxes/duties shall be collected on these motor vehicles as presented.
- **9.** The government agency shall write to the customs office regarding the exemption of the imports for the people with special needs, on a case by case basis.

Documents to be attached with the customs declaration:

1. The exemption letter from the competent government body in any of the GCC States.

Reference **Description** Code 2. Original invoice 3. Certificate of Origin, excluding individuals. **Documents to be attached:** 1. Delivery order (for air or sea importation) 2. Bill of Lading (for air or sea importation) 3. Manifest (for importation by land) 4. Packing list of multiple items **Procedures:** 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker. 2. All required documents shall be furnished to the customs office. 3. Payment of the other applicable charges. 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office. 5. Issuance of the exit order and release of the goods.

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06	Declaration of currencies, coins, negotiable monetary	
	instruments, precious metals or precious stones	
Controls :		
1. All passenge	ers arriving/departing in/from any GCC State shall declare to	
customs an	y currencies, coins, negotiable monetary instruments,	
precious me	etals or precious stones exchangeable into cash money in	
their posses	ssion, which exceed the permitted limit.	
2. All institutio	ns (banks, exchanges, money remittance offices) shall abide	
by the proce	edures for declaring currencies, coins, negotiable monetary	
instruments	s, precious metals or precious stones exchangeable into cash	
money, irrespective of imported/exported amount of cash or money		
instruments	5 .	
3. Threshold o	of the currencies, coins, negotiable monetary instruments,	
precious me	etals or precious stones exchangeable into cash money to be	
declared sha	all be specified as the GCC States may agree.	
4. Currencies,	coins, negotiable monetary instruments, precious metals or	
precious sto	ones exchangeable into cash money, imported/transiting	
through cor	through consignments or postal parcels carried by licensed carriers for	
the interest	of companies or natural persons, shall be declared to	
customs.		
5. Licensed co	mpanies shall follow the customs clearance procedures, as	
well as the	declaration procedures.	
6. Foundations	s may not import currencies, coins or negotiable monetary	
instruments	, unless authorized to do so by the competent body in the	
GCC States.		

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7. Customs administrations may use and implement electronic systems to facilitate declaration and electronic exchange procedures.

- 1. Arriving/departing passengers shall declare to customs any currencies, coins, negotiable monetary instruments, precious metals or precious stones exchangeable into cash money in their possession.
- 2. Based on risk assessment, the customs officer shall verify the information on the declared currencies, coins, negotiable monetary instruments, precious metals or precious stones, after entering them in the automated system and stamping the Declaration Form with the customs seal, he shall give the passenger a copy of the Declaration Form and allow him to enter/exit the country.
- 3. Companies shall fill out the said Declaration Form and complete the other customs procedures.
- 4. Customs Offices shall communicate the details of the Declaration Form to the competent authority.

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07	Procedures for clearance of imported postal parcels

Controls:

- 1. In the event of personal importation, the importer shall present his ID, passport or Residence Permit to complete the customs operation.
- 2. Locally or internationally prohibited goods, or those subject to applicable international agreements or conventions may not be imported.
- 3. Permits and approvals required from competent authorities shall be submitted.
- 4. Where suspicious, the customs office may request the official documents related to the consignment or parcels.
- 5. Any parcel/package weighing over 50Kg shall be transferred to the automated clearance system,
- 6. A single customs declaration shall be completed in the following cases:
- i. parcels the value of which exceeds SR1000 or its equivalent in local GCC currencies.
- ii. Restricted goods
- iii. goods of special nature
- iv. at importation under procedures suspending duties
- 7. CN22 and CN23 forms are to accepted as a customs declaration for regular mail and carrying out inspection/examination based on risk assessment criteria applicable in the customs office in the following cases:
- i. parcels weighing no more than 30Kg.
- ii. parcels the value of which does not exceed SR1000 or its equivalent in local GCC currencies.
- iii. parcels containing post cards, personal letters, publications for the blind and

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printed papers which are not subject to customs duties.

- 8. parcels the value of which does not exceed SR1000 or its equivalent in local GCC currencies shall be exempted from customs taxes/duties, excluding:
 - a. Tobacco and products thereof...
- b. Goods of special nature.

Required Documents:

- 1. Invoice for parcels of commercial nature
- 2. Certificate of Origin for parcels of commercial nature

Documents to be attached:

1. Notifications of postal parcels

- 1. The customs declaration shall be electronically completed by the importer, his representative or the authorized customs broker.
- 2. All documents and Documents to be attached shall be furnished to the customs office.
- 3. Postal consignments shall be subject to the customs taxes/duties provided for in the Common Customs Tariff, with the exception of those exempted under the provisions of GCC Common Customs Law or under the effective GCC Economic Agreement or any other international agreement within the GCC framework.
- 4. The goods shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. Customs declaration shall be printed according to the automated clearance system applicable at the customs office. Then the consignment/parcel shall be released.

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08	Procedures of transportation /dispatch through express couriers

Controls:

- 1. Intra-GCC transportation/dispatch of consignments/parcels may be handled by express couriers without customs clearance, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The express courier or its branch office, or the courier to which the parcels are consigned shall have a valid license issued by the competent GCC authorities.
 - b. The location/office of the courier to which the parcels are consigned shall be under control of the respective GCC customs offices, otherwise dispatched goods shall be unloaded in the designated customs office in the GCC States.
 - c. Consignments/packages shall be addressed and dispatched to a person(s) based in the GCC States.
 - d. Consignments/packages shall be addressed and dispatched to a company(s) based in the GCC States.
 - e. Consignments/packages shall not weigh over 50 Kg
 - f. The estimated value of the consignments /packages shall not exceed SR1000 or its equivalent in local GCC currencies.
 - g. A cash security or bank guarantee shall be submitted to the customs office to ensure that such consignments /packages will reach its final destination.

- 2. The following consignments/packages shall be subject to the customs clearance procedures at first point of entry, and a single customs declaration shall be completed for each of them:
- i. any consignment/package/parcel weighing over 50Kg.
- ii. parcels the value of which exceeds SR1000 or its equivalent in local GCC currencies.
- iii. restricted goods
- iv. goods of special nature
- 3. Express couriers may carry out clearance of the goods conveyed by them provided they satisfy customs clearance requirements of the GCC customs offices, or authorize a customs clearing agent pursuant to the regulations applicable in each GCC State.
 - 4. In the event the importer chooses to clear the consignment/package in the GCC States, the express couriers shall follow all customs clearance procedures (as set out in this Guide) in terms of (importation, exportation, re-exportation, depositing the goods with the free zones and customs warehouses, etc.).
 - 5. Goods may be unloaded or transloaded only under supervision of the respective GCC customs office.
 - 6. The applicant shall provide the following information:
 - a. Truck license plate No.
 - b. Description of goods/parcels and total weight thereof, and whether goods are subject to any restrictions, if any.
 - c. Number of packages and pieces, description of packing, marks and numbers.
 - d. Names of consigner and consignee

- e. Seaports/airports where goods have been consigned from.
- 7. The express courier, its agent or representative shall be responsible for any shortage in the number of packages or contents thereof until the packages are delivered to the consignee premises which fall under supervision of the customs office.
- 8. The manifest shall be produced to the customs office immediately upon arrival of the aircraft or truck.
- 9. A declaration of the dispatch of the consignment/packages from one customs office/warehouse to another customs office/warehouse to be completed.
- 10. Carrier/truck may not cross beyond the land boundaries falling within the zone of the customs office.
- 11. The manifest or dispatch application may be submitted on line (electronically) to the respective customs office.
- 12. The courier shall submit the duly attested duplicate of the manifest as well as the dispatch declaration approved by the customs office at the country of destination, to be all submitted to the customs office at first point of entry for settlement of entries and guarantees.
- 13. The truck shall satisfy the following specifications:
 - a. A partition shall be installed between the driver's cabin and the load compartment.
 - b. No goods can be taken out from /put in the part whereunto the customs seal (lead) is affixed without leaving obvious traces.
 - c. Truck shall not contain unseen spaces wherein goods can be concealed.

- d. The bed of the load compartment, as well the sides thereof shall be fixed to the chassis in a manner that allows it to be separated (dismantled) only from inside.
- e. The consignment shall be placed in a one-door container, fitted with a lock that allows affixing the customs seal thereon. The seal number to be recorded in the customs declaration.
- 14. Customs seals shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. to be made of weatherproof robust metal or plastic material.
 - b. to be of a suitable shape and size that can be easily seen.
 - c. to be difficult to imitate or forge.
 - d. to bear the word "customs" and the country's name.
 - e. to have serial numbers.
 - f. to be of a disposable type (i.e. that can be used for just one time).
- 15. The load compartment/container shall satisfy the following requirements:
 - a. The doors and closing/locking systems shall be designed in a way that enables customs seal to be affixed easily.
 - b. The closing/locking system shall be installed in a way that it cannot be removed or replaced from outside.
 - c. The door shall be designed in a way that it cannot be opened without removing the customs seals therefrom.
 - d. The ventilation ducts (louvers) shall be designed in a way that does not allow opening them from outside, or remove goods through them.
 - e. Customs seals shall be easily and efficiently affixed.

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Required documents:

1.Manifest

- 1. The express courier shall submit the arrival manifest to the customs office at first point of entry
- 2. The express courier shall sort and assemble the consignments/packages to be transported.
- 3. The express courier shall submit an electronic transport declaration for each bill of lading and present it to customs office for the consignments/packages to be transported under the arrival manifest.
- 4. The express courier shall complete the manifest issued under the unified customs declaration agreed on within the GCC framework.
- 5. Consignments/packages shall be subject to inspection and examination based on risk assessment criteria. The competent customs officer shall verify the consignments/packages, sealing of the means of transport, register the customs seal number on the manifest and finally issue the exit order.
- 6. Upon arrival of the truck in the customs office/destination, the competent customs officer shall stamp and endorse the manifest after ensuring that the customs seal/lead is intact.
- 7. For the purposes of settlement of the entries and guarantees, the express courier shall submit the attested/endorsed copy of the manifest approved by the competent customs officer at the customs office of the country of destination to the customs office at the first point of entry.

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09	Refund of cash deposits/securities and release of
	bank guarantees
Controls:	
1. Cash deposit	s and bank guarantees may be released for the cases
suspending o	customs duties, as well as all other cases.
2. Deposit shall	be refunded to the importer of the goods or any other
person who	can prove to the customs office his entitlement to such
deposit.	
3. The claim for	refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees shall
be filed withi	n three months (90 days) from the date of the customs
declaration.	
4. Claims for re	fund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees filed
after expiry o	of the claim period will be disregarded.
5. Application for	or extension of the claim period for other three months (90
days) may be	e accepted before expiry of the original three-month period,
provided exte	ension shall be for only one period.
6. The claim for	refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees
submitted fo	r the documents to be attached with the customs declaration
for any of the	e suspending cases shall be filed within a non-extendable
period of thre	ee months (90 days), in the latest, from the date of the
customs decl	aration.
7. The claim for	refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for

- the temporary admission procedure shall be filed from the date of one of the following supporting documents:
 - a. copy of the re-export declaration, duly signed and stamped by the

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designated customs officer at the exit customs office, indicating that the goods have exited the GCC States.

- b. copy of the re-export declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer, indicating that the goods have entered the free zone.
- c. copy of the declaration of depositing the goods in the free zones, dutyfree shops and customs warehouses.
- d. copy of the import declaration or the evidence that the goods have been cleared for home use after payment of the due customs taxes/duties.
- e. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that re-exported goods have entered the country.
- 8. The claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for the in transit procedure shall be filed from the date of one of the following supporting documents:
 - a. copy of the transit declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer at the exit customs office, indicating that the goods have exited the GCC States.
 - b. copy of the transit declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer, indicating that the goods have entered the free zone, along with a copy of the declaration of depositing the goods with the free zone.
 - c. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that the goods have entered the

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country.

- 9. The claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for placement of the goods in the free zones and duty-free shops shall be filed from the date of one of the following supporting documents:
 - a. copy of the placement declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer at the exit customs office, indicating that the goods have entered the free zone/ duty-free shop.
 - b. copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zone.
 - c. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that the goods have entered the country.
 - 10. The claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for the placement of the goods in the customs warehouses shall be filed from the date of actual placement of the goods, provided that a copy of the placement declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer at the exit customs office indicating that the goods have entered the customs warehouse shall be submitted.
 - 11. The claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for the foreign motor vehicles not guaranteed by an international CPD shall be filed within three months (90days), renewable for only one similar period. Claim to be filed from the date of one of the following supporting documents:
 - a. the proof that motor vehicle has exited the final exit port.
 - b. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent

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authorities in the country of destination stating that the motor vehicle has entered the country.

- c. the declaration of placing the motor vehicle in the free zone.
- d. copy of the import declaration, or an evidence that motor vehicle has been cleared for home use.
- 12. The claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees for placement of the goods imported under re-export procedure shall be filed from the date of one of the following supporting documents:
 - a. copy of the re-export declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer at the exit customs office, indicating that the goods have exited one of the GCC States.
 - b. copy of the re-export declaration, duly signed and stamped by the designated customs officer, indicating that the goods have entered the free zone.
 - c. copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zones/duty free-shops and customs warehouses.
 - d. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that re-exported goods have entered the country.

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 Required documents (One of the following documents to be submitted):

a. Temporary admission procedure:

- 1. A copy of the re-export declaration.
- 2. A copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zones/duty free-shops and customs warehouses.
- 3. A copy of the import declaration stating that the goods have been cleared for home use and applicable customs taxes/duties have been collected.
- 4. A disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that re-exported goods have entered the country.

b. Transit procedure:

- 1. A copy of the transit declaration.
- 2. A copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zone.
- 3. A disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that the goods have entered the country.
- 4. A copy of the import declaration stating that the goods have been cleared for home use and applicable customs taxes/duties have been collected.

c. Transportation by express couriers:

1. A certified copy of the customs declaration

d. Placement under free zones procedure:

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- 1. A copy of the transit declaration, in the event goods are transiting to the free zones.
- 2. A copy of the transit declaration , in the event goods are transiting outside the GCC States.
- 3. A copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zones/duty free-shops.
- 4. A copy of the import declaration stating that the goods have been cleared for home use and applicable customs taxes/duties have been collected.
- **5.** disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that reexported goods have entered the country.

e. Placement in customs warehouses:

- 1. A copy of the re-export declaration, in the event goods are re-exported to other customs warehouses.
- 2. A copy of the re-export declaration , in the event goods are re-exported to free zones.
- 3. A copy of the re-export declaration, in the event goods are re-exported outside the GCC States.
- 4. A copy of the import declaration stating that the goods have been cleared for home use and applicable customs taxes/duties have been collected.
- 5. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that reexported goods have entered the country.

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f. Industrial exemption:

- 1. Industrial Exemption Form
- 2. Industrial Exemption Resolution

g. Import for re-export procedure:

- 1. copy of the re-export declaration
- 2. copy of the declaration of placement of the goods in the free zones/duty free- shops and customs warehouses.
- 3. disclaimer/discharge certificate certified by the competent authorities in the country of destination stating that re-exported goods have entered the country.

- 1. A claim for refund of cash deposits and release of bank guarantees.
- 2. Required documents to be submitted for each of the cases suspending customs taxes/duties.
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