

Importing Personal Property Into Libya

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Customs Regulations:

All shipments are subject to physical inspection. Customer's presence is not required during clearance but must be in Libya at that time

Within three (3) days of arrival customers must register with the police station closest to where they will be residing. In the event original documents can not be provided, copies are allowed, however a 10% of the total CIF value on the invoice will need to be applied as a deposit during Customs clearance. The deposit is refundable after providing original documents.

Items on the "Prohibited List" will be confiscated and a fine may be levied if found in the shipment.

Required Documents:

- 📄 Passport including photo page – Stamped by a Libyan Embassy or Bureau at origin. ○
Presence of an Israeli entry/exit stamp will likely prevent entry
- 📄 Visa – Business Visas require an Invitation Letter & Libyan sponsor
- 📄 Bill of Lading/Air Waybill (or Telex release)
- 📄 Original Invoice – notarized by the Libyan Embassy from the country of origin. Invoice should provide a break down of prices of items, quantity, and values in either Euro or USD. CIF is always preferred. **A declaration must also be included regarding the Israeli boycott**
- 📄 Original Certificate of Origin - notarized by the Libyan Embassy from the country of origin
- 📄 Comprehensive inventory list in Arabic – Stating weights, quantity, dimension & International BTN no. to be incorporated.

* Your service agent can arrange to have your documents translated into Arabic by a legal translator, providing an official receipt of costs. This typically adds an additional day onto the clearance time.

Returning Citizens:

Required Documents:

- 📄 Libyan Passport or travel documents for those with dual citizenship. US passports are not acceptable

Diplomat Status:

Foreign diplomats are granted duty free entry. Diplomats may import alcohol.

Required Documents:

- 📄 Diplomatic Franchise/Exemption
- 📄 Passport with biographical page translated into Arabic
- 📄 Bill of Lading/Air Waybill (or Telex release)
- 📄 Comprehensive inventory list in Arabic

Shipment Requirements: Diplomatic exemption is collected from the Embassy at the destination against the Delivery Order for ocean shipments and AWB for airfreight shipments. Allow 10-15 days to issue the Diplomatic Exemption from the Diplomatic protocol department. Duration for exemption release is handled between the Embassy and the Libyan protocol.

RESTRICTED/DUTIABLE ITEMS

- 📄 Tobacco
- 📄 Books, electronics, CD's, DVD's must be itemized on a list and require permits from the Printing Department Authority to be imported into the country. Your service agent can provide the forms for a fee.
- 📄 Religious materials must be for personal use only

- 📄 Narcotics/illegal drugs of any kind
- 📄 Firearms with out the proper permits
- 📄 Alcohol and all pork products are strongly prohibited, food is prohibited
- 📄 Politically sensitive materials, literature contrary to Muslim, and/or Arab beliefs and morality
- 📄 Imported Libyan currency (Dinar) for both residents and non-residents- Libyan currency can NOT be exported either.
- 📄 All goods made in Israel or manufactured by companies that do business with Israel
- 📄 Pornography and all obscene materials

Dogs and cats may enter as either checked baggage or cargo; however they must be accompanied by a passenger. Consult with your destination agent for the latest regulations and if considering importing birds or reptiles. At this time quarantine is not required.

Required Documents:

- 📄 Certificate of Vaccination – 2 copies, including rabies dated at least 30 days before departure
- 📄 Health Certificate – 2 copies, signed & dated by your vet within 10 days of travel
- 📄 USDA Health Certificate– 2 copies, signed & dated with endorsement stamps by your vet within 10 days of travel
- 📄 Pet Booklet
- 📄 General Health Form with pets information translated into Arabic

It is encouraged to keep an ID collar on your pet at all times with your Libyan phone number inscribed on your pet's ID tags as well. If your pet has special dietary needs or requires medication it is wise to bring an ample amount along with a years supply of flea/heartworm preventatives from your veterinarian.

The vehicle must NOT be more than five (5) years at time of importation.

Required Documents:

- 📄 Passport copy, Certificate of Title and Registration, owners log book
- 📄 Import Permit- From the Ministry of External Affairs; must be approved before importation
- 📄 Commercial Invoice – if vehicle is new
- 📄 Insurance Policy & log book showing length of ownership if vehicle is used
- 📄 Letter of Employment from client's company

NOTES:

Entry & Exit Requirements: In late November 2010, the Libyan government officially informed the U.S. Department of State that it would no longer require travelers to have an Arabic translation added to their passports in order to enter Libya. Please verify this information with the nearest Libyan embassy or consulate before you travel as this may change on short notice. Within three days of arrival in Libya, foreign visitors must register at the police station closest to where they are residing or they may encounter problems during their stay or upon departure.

Foreigners who travel to other countries while living in Libya must visit a Libyan Police Station upon return (within a week) to have their passport stamped. This must be done every time one returns to Libya.

Visas: All visas are vetted and approved by Libyan immigration departments in Tripoli and are only issued by the appropriate Libyan Embassy upon receipt of that approval. There may be an additional wait for actual visa issuance once approval has been received by the Embassy. Inquiries about obtaining a Libyan visa should be made through the [Libyan Embassy in Washington, D.C.](#) Libya's land borders with Egypt and Tunisia are subject to periodic closures even to travelers with valid Libyan visas. Short-term closures of other land borders may occur with little notice.

Food/Water: Main water sources are normally chlorinated, while relatively safe, may cause mild abdominal upsets. Bottled water is available and is advised for the initial weeks of the stay. Drinking water outside of main cities is likely to be contaminated and should be boiled before consumption. Swimming in fresh water should be avoided.

Meats and fish should be well cooked and served hot. Salad and mayonnaise have increased risk of bacteria and should be avoided. Avoid dairy products as they may be made with non-pasteurized milk. Powdered and tinned milk is available and advised. Vegetables should be cooked and fruit should be peeled.

Health: Medical Insurance including emergency repatriation is strongly advised
Yellow Fever vaccine is required if arriving from infected areas, Typhoid, and poliomyelitis vaccinations are recommended. Dysentery and other diarrhea diseases are common Hepatitis A and E occur throughout the area. Bilharzia is also present. Meningococcal meningitis has been reported in the Sebha region. Cholera and Malaria poses a limited risk. Up to date advice should be sought by a physician experienced with these diseases and vaccinations prior to departure.



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*** HIV/AIDS restrictions exist for visitors and foreign residents of Libya. Please verify this information with the Libyan Embassy in Washington DC before traveling.**

Fumigation of Wood Packing Materials: At this time Libya does not require the ISPM 15 requirement

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Embassy of Libya: www.libya.usembassy.gov

Libya Travel site: www.lookoutlibya.com

Embassy of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: www.libyanbureauc.org/

IATA Travel Centre

Department of State

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