

Country: KUWAIT / KW

Prohibited commodities

Standard IFCO prohibitions plus: All items offensive to the Muslim culture or sensitive to the Middle East security situation are prohibited. These include pork products, religious publications/figures, imitation firearms/paraphernalia, military uniforms, items used for black magic, voodoo etc. Also prohibited are cigarette advertising and materials with cigarette companies' branding.

- Alcoholic beverages
- Antiques
- Cheques, blank (NI)
- Coffee
- Coffee samples
- Furs
- Gambling devices
- Grain samples
- Invoices, blank
- Ivory
- Jewellery
- Military equipment
- Perishables
- Playing cards
- Precious metals & stones
- Tea
- Tobacco

Document Express

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)	Airline tickets, issued/validated
Annual reports	Artwork inc.drawings/proofs/layouts
Blank forms	Blueprints
Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)	Books: hardbk/paperbk non-comm. use
Business cards	Calendars
Cash letters (NI)	Catalogues
Charts/graphs	Cheques, cancelled (NI)
Cheques, cashier (NI)	Computer printouts
Credit cards (NI)	Deeds
Diaries	Diplomatic mail
Documents, general business	Invoices, not blank
Labels	Magazines, periodicals, journals
Manuals, technical	Manuscripts
Money orders (NI)	Music, printed or manuscript
Negatives, including x-rays, films	Newspapers
Pamphlets	
Photographs	Photos as part of business reports
Plans/drawings-architectural industrial/engineering	Price lists

Price tickets for garments
 Publications for public resale
 Shipping schedules
 Visa applications

Publication not for public resale
 Ship manifest-computer generated
 Transparencies

1. *Approval required from Ministry of Information. Expect 24 hours delay.*

Worldwide Package Express

All WPX shpts are required to have the name and address of the manufacturer stated on the Comm Inv. Docm required for KWI customs: -Packing list with full unit value, -value clearly shown in US\$, -Cert of Orig, -proforma/Comm Inv on shippers letterhead/full commercial value,-value on AWB should match Inv, -Gross and net weights must be shown. Photocopy of AWB is not acceptable,shpts without original AWB incur KD50.000 (USD 167):charged to origin. Note following WPX restrictions:

Cologne and perfume	[1]	Communications equipment	[2]
Compact disc	[3]	Computer components & parts	[2]
Computer software	[3]	Cosmetics	[1]
Drugs: non-prescription	[1]	Drugs: prescription	[1]
Films: 8mm, 16mm & 35mm	[3]	Films: entertainment	[3]
Films: promotional, training	[3]	Laser disc	[3]
Medical samples	[1]	Medical/dental supplies & equipment	[1]
Phones/modems	[2]	Plant products	[4]
Plants	[4]	Radar equip.-transmitters/receivers	[2]
Radio equipment	[2]	Radios or parts thereof	[2]
Tapes: audio cassettes	[3]	Tapes: computer	[3]
Tapes: video cassettes	[3]	Telecommunications equipment	[2]
Televisions, television equipment	[2]		

1. *Approval required from Ministry of Health. Expect 48-72 hours delay.*

2. *Approval required from Ministry of Communications. Expect 24 hours delay.*

3. *Approval required from Ministry of Information. Expect 48-72 hours delay.*

4. *Approval required from Ministry of Agriculture. Expect 24-48 hours delay.*

Service Impact Notes

All imports into Kuwait with CIF value exceeding US\$1500.00 require legalization, including a certificate of origin. Muslim holidays are observed and dates are subject to change. For duty-free clearance of shpts destined to US military installations, a special customs entry form (Pre-clearance Authorization) is required from consignee, delay: 24hrs.

Operation Notes

All documentation requirements indicated in the WPX footnotes must be strictly adhered to. Inaccurate or incomplete paperwork will result in serious delays and potential return of shipment Inbound WPX shipments into Kuwait cannot be returned back to origin without paying custom duties and taxes.