# Country: QATAR / QA

## **Prohibited commodities**

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. Standard IFCO prohibitions plus:

Antiques Furs

Gambling devices

Ivory Jewellery

Military equipment Plant products

Playing cards

Precious metals & stones

Tobacco

### **Document Express**

Cheques, cashier (NI)

General correspondence (business or private), plus:

Advertising brochures/pamphlets [1] Airline tickets, blank stock (NI)

Airline tickets, issued/validated

Blank forms

Booklets, brochures (non-adv.)

[2]

Annual reports

Blueprints

Business cards

Calendars Catalogues
Charts/graphs Cheques, cancelled (NI)

Credit cards (NI) Deeds

Diaries Diplomatic mail
Documents, general business Invoices, not blank
Magazines, periodicals, journals [3] Manuals, technical

Manuscripts Maps

Microfiche & microfilm Money orders (NI)

Music, printed or manuscript Newspapers

Pamphlets Passports
Photos as part of business reports Plans/drawings-

architectural/industrial/engineering.

[3]

Computer printouts

Price lists

Price tickets for garments

Publication not for public resale

Publications for public resale

Ship manifest-computer generated Shipping schedules Transparencies Visa applications

- 1. Tobacco and liquor advertisements: Prohibited.
- 2. Must be business related; Otherwise send via WPX
- 3. Subject to censorship:0-24hours delay

### **Worldwide Package Express**

All WPX shipments must be accompanied by an original invoice, otherwise consignee is liable to a penalty of USD27.50. Declared value must be accurate. Re-assessment does not take place at Qatar Customs. Note the following WPX restrictions:

Alcoholic beverages	[1]	Communications equipment	[2]
Computer components & parts	[3]	Drugs: non-prescription	[4]
Drugs: prescription	[4]	Films: entertainment	[5]
Films: promotional, training	[5]	Laser disc	[5]
Phones/modems	[2]	Radar equiptransmitters/receivers	[6]
Radio equipment	[2]	Radios or parts thereof	[2]
Tapes: audio cassettes	[5]	Tapes: video cassettes	[5]
Telecommunications equipment	[2]	Toys	[7]

- 1. Prohibited unless consignee has import permit.
- **2.** Telecommunications equipment are subject to local telecommunications department approval. 24-72 hours delay. Pre-alert with AWB and Invoice will reduce this delay.
- 3. Subject to local customs approval.
- 4. Consignee must clear, directly from Ministry of Health after arrival.
- 5. All goods are subject to Ministry of Information approval. Delay 24-72 hours.
- **6.** Prohibited unless a Ministry License is obtained prior to shipping. If shipped without Ministry license, shipment will be confiscated. Any queries please contact customer service.
- 7. Toy guns: Prohibited.

#### **Service Impact Notes**

Muslims Holidays are observed and dates are subject to change. Temporary Imports: shipment value must be above USD100,000.00 . Consignee has to provide Import License and a blank deposit cheque for submission to Customs authorization.

### **Operation Notes**

Shipments pending for consignee's application or paperwork for importation approvals from Government agencies will be held for 14 days maximum and then Returned.