
V. CUSTOMS AND EXCHANGE REGULATIONS

Saudi Arabian Tariff System

The general rate of duty applicable to imported goods is 12%. Locally produced goods are granted tariff protection of 20%. Basic non-processed food-stuffs (rice, sugar, barley, meat, etc.) enter Saudi Arabia duty-free as do books, publications and newspapers in addition to medicines and medical supplies. Medical equipment has a tariff of 7%.

Canada receives the same tariff treatment as that accorded other non-Arab countries.

Import and Exchange Controls

There are no restrictions on the amount of currency that may be taken into or out of the country. All goods imported into Saudi Arabia for re-sale within the Kingdom must be imported by a Saudi citizen.

There are few licensing controls on incoming commercial products: cigarettes, drugs and medical supplies may be brought into the country only by licensed importers. Some products such as hunting firearms, rice and sugar require import licences. Military goods such as arms, ammunition and other war materials are imported only by the Saudi government. Certain items such as pork products and alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Goods from South Africa and Israel are banned.