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## Customs Policy

Policy Code: DCP ( 14 )

### **Policy Name: Goods Restriction, Prohibition and Processing.**

#### **Policy details:**

In pursuance to the Common Customs Law of the GCC States or any other law or system and for the purposes of applying integrated prohibition, restriction and processing procedures to goods entering or exiting the customs offices of the emirate of Dubai, the following have been decided:

#### **Article (1)**

The following words and terms, wherever mentioned throughout this policy, shall have the meanings hereby assigned for them, unless the context otherwise require:

**Law:** means the Common Customs Law of the GCC States.

**Other law or system:** means the Laws and Systems under which import of goods shall be prohibited, restricted or subjected to a specific processing.

**Administration:** means Dubai Customs.

**Director General:** means the director general of Dubai Customs.

**Competent Authorities:** means every agency or authority empowered to issue prohibition, restriction and processing decisions.

**Prohibited Goods:** means any goods the import or export of which is prohibited by the country based on the provisions of the law or any other law or system in force in the country.

**Restricted Goods:** means those goods the import or export of which is restricted under the provisions of the law or any other law or system in force in the country.

**Goods processing:** means the procedure applicable to some goods, which their release requires such procedure to be made by the competent authorities before being released from the customs office.

The words and terms, wherever not mentioned throughout this policy, the common customs law of the GCC States is the reference of their definitions.

### Article (2)

In pursuance to the Article (20), (21), (22), and (23) of the Common Customs law of the GCC States;

- a. Land means of transport may not enter or leave the country through the areas where no customs offices exist.
- b. Marine means of transport entering the country, irrespective of their load capacity, are prohibited from anchoring in any seaports other than those designated for receiving them in the emirate of Dubai, excluding the case of sea emergency or force majeure wherein the shipmaster shall immediately notify nearest customs office or security point of such occurrence.
- c. Vessels, loaded with prohibited or restricted goods subject to high rates of duty, of loading capacity less than two hundred marine tons may not enter or get involved in the shipping activity within the marine customs zone except in circumstances arising from sea emergency or force majeure, in which case the shipmaster shall promptly notify the nearest customs office or security point of such occurrence.
- d. Aircraft departing or arriving in the country may not take off or land at the airports where no customs offices exist unless in cases of force majeure in which case the pilot shall promptly notify nearest customs office or security point of such occurrence.

### Article (3)

Prohibition, restriction and processing decisions shall be issued by the Director General or his authorized representative based on the decisions made by the competent authority.

### Article (4)

A customs declaration shall be submitted for any goods entering or exiting a customs office, and the goods shall be displayed to the nearest customs office.

### Article (5)

Prohibited and restricted goods shall be subject to the following procedures:

#### Firstly: Prohibited Goods:

- a. Subject to combating prohibited goods in general, and narcotics in particular entry and exist of prohibited goods may take place providing that approvals from the competent authorities are obtained.
- b. Prohibited goods for which no approvals from the competent authorities are obtained shall be ~~detained~~ and all necessary legal actions shall be taken against them.

#### Secondly: Restricted Goods:

- a. No restricted goods shall be cleared unless approvals from the competent authorities are obtained.
- b. Restricted goods for which no approvals from the competent authorities are obtained shall be detained and all necessary legal actions shall be taken against them.

#### Thirdly: Goods Processing:

- a. Any goods subject to specific procedures, may not be released unless the necessary actions in their respect are taken by the competent authorities, and by the approval of such authorities, the goods shall be released for completing their processing outside the customs offices.
- b. If the administration decides that a laboratory testing for the goods must be carried out or ~~when requesting detailed technical documents or an advice of an expert for verifying their types or specifications~~, the goods shall not be released unless testing result is received, and the administration shall have the right to release them against a guarantee, which guarantee that goods cannot be dispensed of until testing result is known.

### Article (6)

The Department of Customs Tariff and Origin shall assume the procedures relating to following-up issue and enforcement of the provisions of the prohibitions, restriction and processing of goods including the relevant decisions made by competent authorities and settlement of disputes thereof.

### Article (7)

This policy shall come into force as from 1st of July 2007.

  
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