

# **Transit Act**

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Ministerial Resolution No. 31/ 880 dated 10/ 5/ 1409

I decide the following:

## Article 1:

The Customs shall see to the execution of the recommendations of the technical committee in charge of the transit agreement, on the strength of the minutes of its second meeting on 22-23/ 11/ 1982, regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> item of its agenda, which deals with the specifications required in transports, as well as customs covers, bindings and seals, according to the united bill launched by a committee representing the following countries:

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- The Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan.
- The Arab Republic of Syria.
- The Republic of Iraq.
- Kuwait.

No transport shall be granted passage unless it meets the following requirement:

- Transport shall be in good working condition and have a valid operating license.
- Transport shall be designated for transporting goods.
- Cargo shall be easy to seal by the customs.
- Transport shall not have any secret compartments in which goods may be hidden.
- Seals shall be placed in such away that would show clear indications if tampered with.
- Nails, bolts and screws shall be installed outwards, so that they may only be removed from inside the transport.
- In case of trailer trucks, the seal shall be placed on the juncture.
- There must be a barrier between the driver's cabin and the cargo.
- Flat trailers must be registered in their countries of origin as such and are allowed to transport exempted goods only.
- Covers and bindings must meet the following requirements:
  - 1- Must be sturdy and resistant to erosive factors.
  - 2- Must be easy to use.
  - 3- Must be easy to inspect.

- 4- Must show clear indications if tampered with.

Cover Requirements:

- 1- Must be made of strong natural or synthetic fibers.
- 2- Must be one-piece only. Extensions are allowed only if double machine sewed.
- 3- Must be large enough to cover the entire load.
- 4- Must have metal rings along the edges, that are embedded into it, not sewed, and are large enough for bindings to pass through.

Binding Requirements:

- 1- Must be one-piece, with no extensions, and long enough to be passed through all rings in the cover.
- 2- Must be strong and made of natural or plaited synthetic fibers.
- 3- Must be put in such a way that tampering must not be possible without breaking it.

Custom Seal Requirements:

- 1- Must be large and highly visible.
- 2- Must be resistant to erosive factors.
- 3- Must be made for one-time use only.
- 4- Must bear the word: customs, the country of origin's name in Arabic and information on the customs office that placed it.
- 5- Must be non-forgable.
- 6- The holes on it must be large enough for bindings to be passed through.

Covered transports must meet the following requirements:

- 1- Sides, roof and floor of the cargo box must not be detachable from the outside and bear clear indications if tampered with.
- 2- Cargo box must not have openings other than the rear doors.
- 3- Doors must be equipped with locks that cannot be tampered with unless broken.

Uncovered transports must meet the following requirements:

- 1- Sides and floor must be embodied into the frame of the vehicle and detachable only from the inside.
- 2- Sides must be non-grid and at least 70 cm high.

- 3- There must be only one loading hatch located at the rear,
- 4- There must be enough room between the drivers cabin and cargo box to bind covers.
- 5- The sides and floor must not have holes or opening that may allow unauthorized access to cargo.
- 6- Box must have closed rings fixed firmly into the inside of it, to bind covers. They must be fixed on all sides at floor level with intervals of no less than 50 cm.

#### Article 2:

The Customs shall continue to install metal plates at the front and rear ends of transport, bearing the word: Transit, in Arabic and English, and place seals on rear doors to prevent tampering.

Drivers shall be given detailed maps of the transit routes designated according to the agreement of the customs and the traffic police. Routes shall be followed, and drivers must leave the Kingdom within the specified period of time.

#### Article 3:

There shall be a fine of 2000-5000 SR for the following violation:

- 1- Failure to follow the designated routes.
- 2- Violation of any of the customs regulations.

#### Article 4:

There shall be a fine of 5000-10000 SR for the following violations:

- 1- Failure to leave the Kingdom within the specified period.
- 2- Tampering with seals or breaking them.
- 3- Tampering with covers and bindings.
- 4- Removal of the customs' metal plates.

These fines apply only if violations are due to negligence. Trafficking shall be dealt with under the Anti-Trafficking Act.

#### Article 5:

The traffic police shall observe traffic, and collaborate with the Ministry of Interior to post guiding road signs along designated routes. Violators shall be reported immediately to the nearest traffic police station.

Article 6:

The customs must take all necessary security measures around such vehicles and inspect vehicles whenever necessary.

Article 7:

-The bank guarantee transit, submitted by a customs clearance agent, shall be raised to 5 million SR from which transit fees and cargo cost shall be deducted. Cargo cost shall be reimbursed pending the submission of a document certifying the safe exit of vehicles and the safety of all Custom seals.

- In case the transport does not exit, the subsequent fine shall be deducted from the bank guarantee, and the clearance agent shall be penalized by a customs committee.

- Clearance agents with invalid bank guarantees will be rejected, and the driver, being the carrier, will have the right to choose a certified agent to represent him.

Article 8:

The penalties stated in this act accord to those stated in article 54 of the Customs Act.

Article 9:

This Act supercedes all previous regulations.

Article 10:

This resolution shall be published in the official gazette, and is effective as of the date of publication.

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