

# FRONTIER FORMALITIES



## Currency

- 1 — Passengers are allowed to import all kinds of foreign currencies and in any amount whatsoever (except what is called the Israeli currency) provided the amount is declared to the customs authorities at the first port of call in Iraq. When the amount of foreign currency does not exceed the equivalent of ID.25/ — such amount need not be declared.
- 2 — Passengers of Iraqi Nationality and those residing in Iraq are allowed to take out with them when leaving Iraq the equivalent of ID.25/ — in foreign currency (Notes or Coins), and passengers non-resident in Iraq are allowed to take out with them the same amount of foreign currency brought in when they arrived in Iraq and recorded on their passports.
- 3 — All passengers are allowed to take out or bring in with them ID.15/ — only.
- 4 — Foreign currency (Notes or Coins) may be brought in to this country by post (except what is called Israeli currency) and is not allowed to leave the country except under a licence obtained from the Foreign Exchange Control Committee. Such currency can only be cashed at the Banks authorized to deal with foreign exchange.

## Foreign Visitors

Allowances	for import	for export
National Currency	ID. 15/- (not to be declared)	ID. 15/ - (not to be declared)
Foreign Currency	equivalent of ID. 25/ - (not to be declared) exception : Rial of Saudi Arabia and Iranian Currency	amount declared and not utilized
Travellers Cheques	No limit and not to be declared	No limit and not to be declared

**HEALTH :**

International certificates of vaccination are required as follows :

Against	Disembarking	In transit	Persons with no certificates or with an invalid one
Smallpox	From India, Pakistan, Thailand or any infected area.	Not required if direct transit without leaving the airport.	Disembarking : Liable to vaccination and quarantine
Yellow Fever	From an endemic area.	Not required if direct transit without leaving the airport.	Liable to quarantine.
Cholera	From or Via India, Pakistan or Thailand.	Not required if direct transit without leaving the airport.	Disembarking : Vaccinated and quarantined for 5 days from date of leaving infected area.

## **NOTES :**

- 1 — Passengers with traces of smallpox on their faces or bodies are granted exemption from vaccination.
- 2 — Exemption is granted to passengers holding medical certificates certifying that their state of health does not permit vaccination.
- 3 — Cholera vaccination certificates must show two injections made at an interval of 7 days.
- 4 — Only infants of less than 1 year are normally exempt from cholera vaccination.

## **Passport :**

Valid passport required. Passengers should know that the Iraqi Authorities will not accept a passport which contains an endorsement or visa for Israel (either valid or expired).

## **Entry Visa :**

Required by all foreigners. Passengers whose journeys begin in countries where there are no Iraqi Consulates or their representatives, should first receive confirmation that a visa will be granted on arrival. (See under Special Regulation Emergency).

## **Transit Visa :**

Required by all foreigners except passengers in direct transit for transferring to another service on the same day ; provided they hold confirmed onward reservations and do not leave the airport.

## **Merchant Seamen :**

Identity cards are accepted in lieu of passports from seamen and air crew travelling on duty when :

- a) Proceeding to join a ship or plane.
- b) Being repatriated after discharge ; provided they are sponsored by the captain.

### **Registration :**

Persons entering Iraq with ordinary entry visa or transit, must register with the Directorate of Residence, in Baghdad, or with the Residence Officer in the Provinces, within 5 days of their arrival.

### **Emergency Visa :**

Passengers commencing their journey in a country where there is no Iraqi Consular representation may apply for an entry or transit visa to be issued on arrival, but they should first receive confirmation that the visa will be granted.

Application must be made by signal, which must reach the station concerned in Baghdad (Directorate General of Security-Residence Department) at least 8 days before the passenger's intended arrival and must give the following information :

- a) Passenger's full name.
- b) Nationality.
- c) Passport Number.
- d) Religion.
- e) Reason for visit and duration of stay.
- f) Type of visa required.
- g) Reference in Iraq, if any.

### **Exit Visa :**

Required by all persons leaving Iraq even if they stay only 24 hours.



# CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

- 1) The bona fide baggage of a passenger is exempt from duty when it (a) accompanies him, (b) does not form part of the cargo or other freight, and (c) is not included in the manifest of the carrying vessel or vehicle.
- 2) Bona fide baggage includes wearing apparel and personal effects, provided that the articles are not for sale but are for the personal use of the passenger or for the use of the members of his family travelling with him. It also includes implements, instruments and tools of trade, occupation or employment of a passenger when imported for use in the first establishment of a business by him in Iraq, or for use by him during his temporary stay in Iraq, but it shall not include the following articles which are liable to duty : —
  - (a) Arms and Ammunition. (b) Alcoholic liquors exceeding 1 litre or perfumed spirit exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  litre whether in opened or unopened containers. When these quantities are exceeded the whole becomes liable to duty. (c) Cigarettes exceeding 100 in number, cigars exceeding 50 in number and other tobacco exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo in weight. When these quantities are exceeded the whole becomes liable to duty (d) Motor cars, motor and other cycles, carriages, pianos, pianolas, (automatic pianos), organs, harmoniums, gramophones, phonographs, radio sets and sound recorders. (e) Articles for household use such as furniture, pictures, carpets, glassware, crockery, silver and plated ware, cutlery, forks and spoons. The following may be passed free of duty : —
    - (1) Used glassware, crockery, silver and plated ware.
    - (2) Carpets which are required for praying or as bedding.
- 3) In addition to the foregoing, the following articles shall be passed free of Customs Import Duty to tourists when they are second-hand only and are to be re-exported on departure from Iraq :

(Binoculars, photographic cameras, typewriters, radio sets, sound recorders).

- 4) Bona fide baggage imported within 90 days before or after a passenger's arrival in Iraq may, subject to the exceptions and conditions specified above, be passed free of duty. In special circumstances, this period can be extended to a total period not exceeding 120 days.
- 5) Personal effects consisting of imported articles are exempted from export duty on the same conditions as imported baggage.
- 6) The personal effects of travellers passing through Iraq in transit, either when accompanying passengers or when being taken through Iraq, within 3 months of the arrival in, or departure from Iraq, of the owners, are exempt from duty and transit dues but subject to such prohibitions or restrictions on importation and exportation as may be imposed by law.
- 7) A claim that goods liable to duty are re-imported must be supported by evidence, that they have been re-imported within 2 years of the date of exportation and that the property in them has continued in the passenger, provided that if the rate of duty has in the meantime been increased the difference in duty will be recoverable.
- 8) Goods imported for barter or trade purposes are not baggage. Such goods must be declared separately at the Custom House in the proper manner.

### **Vehicles**

Admitted with a valid certificate from an international automobile association recognized by the Iraqi Automobile Association, in Baghdad.

The period motor-cars and motor-cycles are allowed to stay in Iraq is two months; but can be extended (for compelling reasons) to a total period not exceeding one year. Customs duty is imposed after the expiration of this period.



