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IMPORT LICENSES – SAUDI ARABIA

The importation of certain articles is either prohibited or requires special approval from competent authorities. In addition, importing the following products requires special approval by Saudi authorities: agricultural seeds; live animals and fresh and frozen meat; books, periodicals, movies, and tapes; religious books and tapes; chemicals and harmful materials; pharmaceutical products; wireless equipment; horses; products containing alcohol (e.g., perfume); natural asphalt; and archaeological artifacts.

Saudi exporters need to submit a copy of their commercial registration, which indicates they are allowed to export. They are also required to submit a certificate of origin of Saudi products (issued by the Ministry of Commerce). Certain items such as antiques, Arabian horses, livestock, or subsidized items need special approval to export. Exports of oil, petroleum products, natural gas and wheat all require export licenses.

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