

1.2 Iraq Regulatory Departments and Quality Control

- The Regulatory Departments obeys to distinct rules in the Central Government Governorates and in the KR-I. This is revealed in different custom clearance modalities and procedures.
- In Iraq Central Government entry points including KR-I, quality control for importation of goods is compulsory by accredited Quality Control Agencies in the Port of Loading, in order to allow the custom clearance process initiate. In Ibrahim Khalil, quality control services are managed by New Standard Company (KR-I government Authorized Company). In KR-I, a Certificate of Conformity (CoC) is a requirement from Intertek. While in Federal Iraq the services are managed directly by the Ministry of Planning. In Federal Iraq, CoC from BV and TUV are accepted while SGS is banned.
- The KR-I customs authority operate routine random quality control to all imported goods that require quality standard checks. Customs will only release the cargo if the cleared by New Standard Company (i.e. Medicines, Food, etc.) the quality control for medicines are inspected and controlled by ministry of Health in KR-I.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) superintends the importation of humanitarian goods for Central and Southern Iraq. Tax exemption must be requested and approved by Ministry of Finance and General Commission of Taxes in order to proceed with custom clearance procedure. The Iraq Customs Authority is a governmental department supervised by the Ministry of Finance (MoF). The facilitation of humanitarian imports by United Nations organisations is processed through the MoFA after an official request on the Agency Letter Head along with the complete set of shipping documents is submitted; MoFA will then advise the MoF and its subsidiary Customs Department and will issue the tax exemption letter. Exemption for imports by INGOs is processed directly through the MoF. The MoI facilitates access at the entry and exit points to the country but doesn't have control on custom officials and procedures.

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