

Hand Carry Procedures – DXB 2023 (Updated)

When entering Dubai with impure gold for refining it must be declared to customs, there is no tax or duty, but there can be a VAT implication if not consigned to a VAT Registered company in UAE.

It is an offence to enter without declaring your metal to the appropriate officials.

Here is the likely scenario for entry otherwise;

1. Passenger disembarks the flight with goods in-hand and proceeds to passport control.
2. If Passport Control inquires to the nature of the visit passenger declares he is hand carrying precious metal for refining.
3. Passport Control should process the passenger’s identification documents and passenger proceeds to luggage retrieval area to collect other belongings
4. An X-ray machine is set up between passport control and the baggage area.
5. Upon retrieving luggage proceed towards the exit where there will be two exit options with signs posted “Something to Declare” or “Nothing to Declare”
6. Passenger should proceed to the “Something to Declare” line and identify the shipment to officials.
7. Please be sure passenger can produce a certificate of origin and a commercial invoice detailing the Dubai Consignee VAT TRN Number.
If the documents are in a language other than English, then there is a security deposit of 1000AED charged by Dubai Customs. This is refunded upon departure.
8. The passenger will be asked to deposit the Gold at Customs and be given a “Detained Receipt” for same.

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9. Please give advance details of flight number and arrival time and our trained staff will fully advise you.
10. We cannot help the passenger during any portion of this clearing procedure while he/she is in the airport secure area. When advised by the passenger, we will arrange for any VAT to be offset against our account and the passenger to collect the Gold via Transguard.
11. Please retain your Boarding Pass to show at Customs and after Customs for the collection of the Detained Gold.
12. The Commercial Invoice in a hand carry scenario can be made out to the passenger directly.
13. Commercial invoice should include the following information:
 - Description of the contents (Bars, Dore, etc.)
 - Net weight of the contents
 - Gross weight of the shipment
 - Value of the contents
 - Description of the container(s)
 - The consigner and consignee

THE SELLER SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SELF-CERTIFIED UN DECLARATION WHEN ENTERING DUBAI WITH GOLD

- **UN Declaration is self- certified on Seller Letterhead as follows:**

“The GOLD herein invoiced has been purchased from legitimate sources not involved in funding conflict and in compliance with United Nations resolutions. The seller hereby guarantees that this GOLD is conflict free, based on personal knowledge and/or written guarantees provided by the supplier.”

“We hereby declare that the GOLD sold by us to you, does not contain any conflict GOLD on which any embargo has been put, as per the UN Security council resolution No # 1173, 1176 & 1306”

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