

Iraq Customs Clearance Master Checklist 2026

Step-by-Step Logistics Operational Roadmap for ASYCUDA World Phase 3 Compliance

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1. Pre-Shipment Document Checklist (Interactive)

Verify each item prior to vessel departure or border dispatch. All documents must match the ASYCUDA pre-declaration records exactly.

Status	Required Document	Key Technical Requirements & Details	Issuing Body / Authentication
☐	Certificate of Origin (COO)	Must state exact country of manufacture. Must include 6-digit HS codes matching the invoice.	Local Chamber of Commerce + Iraqi Embassy Authorization
☐	Commercial Invoice	Itemized unit prices, total CIF value, Incoterms 2020, and dual Arabic/English mandatory stamps.	Exporter / Legalized by Iraqi Embassy
☐	Detailed Packing List	Gross/Net weight per package, container/seal numbers, dimension specifications, and HS distribution.	Exporter / Freight Forwarder
☐	Bill of Lading (B/L) / CMR	Must show Iraqi port of discharge (e.g., Umm Qasr North/South). Manifest details must align with ASYCUDA.	Shipping Line / Carrier
☐	Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) / CoC	Mandatory Certificate of Conformity verifying goods meet Iraqi Quality Standards (IQS).	Authorized Bodies: SGS, Cotecna, BV, CCIC
☐	ICIGI Cargo Insurance Policy	Mandatory national marine/land transit insurance policy issued under Iraqi regulations.	Iraqi State Insurance Co. / Approved Iraqi Insurer
☐	CBI Bank Pre-Declaration Reference	Proof of FX clearance and L/C or wire transfer authorization through the Central Bank of Iraq portal.	Commercial Bank / CBI Portal

2. Mandatory Arabic Stamp Wording & Text Clauses

To prevent immediate documentation rejection by ASYCUDA World automated customs officers, the following exact Arabic declarations must be stamped and signed on the **Commercial Invoice** and **Certificate of Origin**:

A. Official Manufacturer Origin & Price Authenticity Clause (Invoice Stamp):

"نقر بأن هذه الفاتورة صحيحة وأصلية وهي الوحيدة الصادرة منا للبضائع المذكورة فيها، وأن الأسعار المذكورة هي الأسعار السائدة في السوق المحلي، وأن البضائع من أصل [اسم الدولة باللغة العربية]."

English Translation: "We certify that this invoice is authentic and genuine, is the sole invoice issued by us for the mentioned goods, that the stated prices reflect prevailing local market rates, and that the goods originate from [Country Name in Arabic]."

B. Iraqi Quality Standards & Specifications Undertaking (COO Stamp):

"نعاني ونلتزم بأن جميع المواد والبضائع المشحونة مطابقة للمواصفات القياسية العراقية المعتمدة (IQS) وخالية من أي مواد محظورة أو تالفة."

English Translation: "We declare and guarantee that all shipped materials and goods conform strictly to approved Iraqi Quality Standards (IQS) and are completely free from banned or defective components."

3. Embassy Legalization Workflow by Origin Country

Follow the designated legal route based on your exporting hub to secure valid Iraqi consular stamps:

CN China Protocol

1. Notarization by local Chinese Public Notary Office.
2. Attestation by CCPIT (China Council for the Promotion of International Trade).
3. Authentication by Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) China.
4. Final legalization by Iraqi Embassy in Beijing.

us USA Protocol

1. Certification by local State Chamber of Commerce.
2. Authentication by National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce (NUSACC).
3. State Department Authentication in Washington, D.C.
4. Legalization by Embassy of the Republic of Iraq (Commercial Section).

TR Turkey Protocol

1. Approval by local Turkish Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TOBB).
2. Attestation by Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

IR Iran Protocol

1. Certification by Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines & Agriculture (ICCIMA).
2. Verification by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tehran.

3. Consular Legalization by Iraqi Embassy in Ankara or Consulate in Istanbul.

3. Consular Legalization by Commercial Section of Iraqi Embassy in Tehran.

4. Top 5 Red Flags Triggering ASYCUDA "Red Channel" Audits

Avoid these critical errors in your Packing List and documentation to prevent container holds, physical unloading audits, and demurrage penalties:

1. Generic Goods Descriptions:

Using vague terms like "Spare Parts", "Chemicals", or "Machinery" without specific technical names and 8-digit HS code breakdowns triggers automated fraud flags.

2. Gross vs. Net Weight Discrepancies:

Any variation exceeding 3% between the physical weighbridge scan at Port Umm Qasr and the declared Bill of Lading weight causes immediate hold.

3. Unmatched Package Markings & Serial Numbers:

Carton/crate numbers on physical pallets that fail to match the Packing List line-by-line during physical inspection result in total shipment re-examination.

4. Missing Country-of-Origin Engraving/Sticker:

Failure to permanently engrave or physically affix "Made in [Country]" stickers on every individual product unit leads to customs confiscation or mandatory return.

5. Omission of Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) Reference:

Attempting to register cargo on ASYCUDA without entering a valid, verified CoC/PSI certificate number automatically locks the customs declaration file.