

UAE Temporary Admission & Heavy Equipment Clearance Checklist

A operational field guide for logistics managers and EPC contractors importing construction machinery, cranes, and specialized units into Dubai & Abu Dhabi without permanent duty lockups.

1. PRE-ARRIVAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

- ☐ **Emissions Certification (Tier 4 / Euro V/VI):** Ensure all diesel engine units have manufacturer-issued emission compliance certificates ready for port submission.
- ☐ **10-Year Equipment Age Audit:** Verify that the manufacturing date is within 10 years. Units exceeding 10 years require advance FCA special technical waivers.
- ☐ **Third-Party Inspection (TPI) Report:** Secure an accredited pre-shipment inspection report (SGS, TÜV SÜD, or Bureau Veritas) verifying physical integrity and serial authenticity.
- ☐ **FCA Client Code & Registration:** Confirm your UAE importing entity has an active customs client code linked with a valid contracting or trading trade license.

2. DOCUMENT PACKAGE CHECKLIST (BAYAN SYSTEM)

Commercial Invoice & Packing List

Must detail unit-by-unit CIF values, 8-digit HS codes, full chassis/VIN numbers, engine serials, and net weight.

Project Contract / Attestation

Official copy of the government or major project contract validating the operational necessity and timeline of the machinery.

Bill of Lading & Certificate of Origin

Original BL showing direct consignment to the UAE registered entity alongside an authenticated Chamber of Commerce COO.

E-Guarantee / Bank Bond

Digital security issued via API from a UAE bank covering 5% Customs Duty (+ 5% VAT if non-TRN holder).

3. PHYSICAL TAGGING & SERIAL NUMBER PROTOCOL

- ☐ **Engraved Chassis VIN Tag:** Ensure the primary chassis VIN is stamped on a metallic plate welded to the frame (plastic decals are rejected).
- ☐ **Modular Attachment Itemization:** List all separate components (e.g., crane booms, buckets, counterweights) with individual serial tags on the Bayan declaration.
- ☐ **Pre-Dispatch Photo Dossier:** Maintain a high-res photo folder of engine tags, serial stampings, and overall equipment condition prior to vessel loading.

CRITICAL RE-EXPORT WARNING

Discrepancies between physical chassis numbers and Bayan declaration lines will freeze bank guarantees, trigger manual audits, and incur misdeclaration penalties up to AED 10,000.

4. BANK GUARANTEE & TRN OPTIMIZATION PROTOCOL

Maximize cash flow liquidity by linking your Tax Registration Number (TRN) prior to declaration filing:

Security Category	Standard Security Formula	TRN Reverse Charge Hack
Customs Duty (5%)	5% of CIF Value (Bank Guarantee)	5% of CIF Value (Bank Guarantee)
Import VAT (5%)	5% of (CIF + Duty) Cash / Guarantee	0% Guarantee (Deferred via Periodic VAT Return)
Liquidity Locked (AED 1M CIF)	AED 102,500	AED 50,000 (51% Capital Savings)

5. LOCAL CONVERSION & DEPRECIATION RULES

If project parameters change and equipment is sold or retained permanently in mainland UAE:

1. Depreciation Schedule

FCA applies a **10% to 20% annual depreciation rate** against original CIF value based on verified time used in UAE.

2. Duty Offset Conversion

Duties are calculated on the *reduced valuation* and deducted directly from active E-Guarantees, releasing the net surplus balance.

6. GCC CROSS-BORDER TRANSIT (MAKASA REGIME TO KSA / NEOM)

- ☐ **Makasa Statistical Declaration:** File a GCC Statistical Transit Declaration at Ghawaifat overland border prior to convoy exit.
- ☐ **Guarantee Rollover:** Ensure physical verification by UAE border customs to automatically release the UAE E-Guarantee and transition liability under Saudi FASAH transit bond.
- ☐ **FASAH Import Sync:** Match your Mirsal II / ATLP exit manifest date with Saudi FASAH authorization to prevent border hold-ups.

7. EXTENSION TIMELINE & FINE PREVENTION

Milestone	Deadline Action	Non-Compliance Risk
30 Days Before Expiry	Submit project progress report for 6-month extension	Automatic overstay fine (AED 1,000/week)
36-Month Max Cap	Re-export equipment or execute Local Conversion	Full guarantee forfeiture + mandatory 5% duty & VAT
Post Re-Export	Collect Exit Certificate & Manifest copies	Unreleased bank guarantee / blocked client code

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