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# **OMAN BORDER CROSSING**

Please follow the below guidelines in order to make the border crossing of your team members and equipment as stress-free as possible.

It is imperative that you prepare all relevant documentation in advance. Failure to do so will risk lengthy border delays, penalty fees and even refusal to cross.

## **Personnel:**

Please ensure that you establish which members of your travelling party must apply for visas in advance in order to gain access into Oman.

Certain nationalities will be able to obtain a visa directly from the border/airport by simply showing their passport (and/or residency). Others may need to apply in advance according to nationality or visa designation.

We recommend contacting the Oman Embassy either in Dubai or Abu Dhabi to obtain the information specific to your party.

http://www.ocodubai.com/visa.htm may be of assistance and <a href="mailto:sara@omanauto.org">sara@omanauto.org</a> is the chosen point of contact at Muscat Speedway if you encounter difficulties.

**Example**: One recent trip to Muscat involved Al Ain Raceway employees originating from UK, Nepal and Bangladesh. The British passport was no issue and a visa was simply applied for at the border post (in this case at Wadi Al Jizzy after crossing Khattam Al Shiklah border [UAE] next to Al Ain Raceway). However, the other individuals (despite being UAE residents) were required to apply for visas in advance since their visa designations did not reach executive status. This process was trouble-free but necessitated advance planning and application.

Obviously, anyone crossing the border must be in possession of their valid passport (and visa as necessary). Often passports will need to be valid for at least 6 months. Those driving will additionally be required to present:

- Proof of vehicle ownership (or permission to use in Oman by authorised signatory),
- Original vehicle registration card
- Valid driving licence
- Valid car insurance for Oman itself (there is an insurance office at the Oman border near Khattam Al Shiklah in case of emergency).

<u>NOTE:</u> Anyone hiring a vehicle for the Oman round should ensure that it is eligible to cross the Oman border. Written consent from the hire company is normally requested.

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### **Equipment by road:**

# Which Border?

For those taking trailers/vans with equipment we recommend using Khattam Al Shiklah border next to Al Ain Raceway. The Hatta border is also a possibility and may be preferable to those of you travelling from Dubai. However, in terms of paperwork conformity and border personnel it is recommended that you use Khattam Al Shiklah.

#### Letter from Oman Automobile to Border Post:

OAA have kindly offered to provide a letter to the relevant border post for each vehicle transporting karts/engines by road in order to ease the progress through the Oman border.

In order to prepare this letter OAA require you to complete the EQ form which can be found on this link <a href="https://www.alainraceway.com/pdf/eq%20form.pdf">www.alainraceway.com/pdf/eq%20form.pdf</a>.

This should be done as soon as possible and preferably at least 2 weeks before the crossing.

Please make allowances for the number of letters that need to be prepared and do not leave it until the last minute to submit this information. Remember that this is a voluntary service provided to make things easier for you. Once complete the form should be sent to <a href="mailto:sara@omanauto.org">sara@omanauto.org</a>.

You will receive a copy of this letter to take with you to the border post.

## **Packing List:**

A sample packing list can be found on this link <a href="https://www.alainraceway.com/pdf/packing%20list%20for%20border.pdf">www.alainraceway.com/pdf/packing%20list%20for%20border.pdf</a>. You should complete one of your own which should refer only to the karts you are transporting. This template includes description, engine number, country of origin and value. Please note the following recommendations from OAA when preparing this list for the custom declaration:

- 1. The value of each kart should not be more than DHS 5000 (any class)
- 2. Always mention one country of origin in the packing list for the karts and the engines (to finish up faster with customs). Usually we use Germany, Italy, Belgium and Spain.
- 3. Avoid mentioning spare parts, tyres and tools in the packing list as it will take long time to process at the borders.
- 4. For full kart with engine it is better to mention only the engine number than the Chassis (Optional)

This packing list should accurately reflect what you are transporting and should be presented when applying for a Customs Declaration. We recommend taking 2 copies (one for outbound and one for inbound).

#### **Customs Declaration:**

At the UAE Border Post you will need to obtain a temporary export customs declaration according to the karts/engines you are transporting. **Note: on occasion UAE customs have advised that this form is not necessary but this has caused a problem when re-entering UAE from Oman. So ensure you obtain this document.** 

At the Oman border you will be required to submit a copy of the UAE customs declaration form along with the packing list and supporting letter from OAA.

There may be a small fee for a customs declaration to be issued at the Oman border for a temporary import.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU KEEP ORIGINAL CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS SAFE SINCE IT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE RETURN CROSSING AT BOTH BORDER POSTS. FAILURE TO PRODUCE THE ORIGINAL FORM COULD RESULT IN PENALTIES AND POSSIBLE IMPORT DUTIES BEING CHARGED.