



Middle East & North Africa: Tariffs and Taxes on Computer Hardware and Software

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--While we have made the best attempt to list all tariffs and taxes, this list may not be exhaustive. Because tariffs and tax rates are subject to change, please contact the Department of Commerce's Trade Information Center at 1-800-USA-TRADE for the most-up-to-date information on rates in the Middle East and North Africa.

--Companies should only use this table as a guide to expected charges; in all cases it is prudent to work with a customs broker/freight forwarder for more accurate information. It is also advisable to check with Customs officials in the country to which you are exporting, and if necessary, to get a binding decision in writing prior to shipment.

--This document is intended for use by U.S. companies; other duties and charges may apply for non-U.S. companies.

--The rates listed on this page do not apply to software transmitted electronically.

--Some countries have additional information on customs procedures for IT products (and services) imports, including those related to electronically transmitted software. If the country name is hyperlinked, click for additional information.

Country	Tariff on Computer Hardware (HS 8471)	Tariff on Computer Parts (HS 8473.30)	Tariff on Computer Software (HS 8523 ²) MCU ³	Tariff on Manuals (HS 4901)	Withholding Taxes on Software Royalties	Other Taxes ⁶	Date Country Updated
Algeria	5%	5%	0% (U) or 30%	5%	Unknown ⁴	(30% on luxury goods); 7% VAT 0% customs user fee; 0% customs formality charge All taxes applied on CIF + duty.	10/2009
Bahrain	0%	0%	0% (C)	0%	None	Bahrain levies no withholding or VAT taxes. As of 2003, the required 5% (maximum rate) commission fee paid to import agents has been discontinued.	08/2009
Egypt	0%	0%	0% (C)	5%	15%	10% sales tax: 2% surcharge applied on the CIF value; 1% customs processing fee	08/2009
Iraq	See below ⁷	See below ⁷	See below ⁷	See below ⁷	See below ⁷	See below ⁷	10/2004
Israel	0-2%	0%	0%	0%	10-15% ⁵	16.5% VAT on CIF value; 1.3% port fee	07/2009

Jordan ¹	0%	30%	0%	0%	10% ⁴	16% VAT	10/2009
Kuwait	5%	4%	5% (U)	4%	none	No Import Taxes	10/2004
Lebanon	0%	0%	0-5%	10%	0%	10% VAT applied on CIF value + duty; stamp tax of 4 Lebanese pounds per thousand of the value of the goods; levy of \$0.50 per kilo and \$0.76 a piece of inbound express flight	07/2009
Morocco	0%	0%	0%(C)	0%	10% ⁵	0-20% VAT on imports; 0.25% Parafiscal tax; all taxes are applied on CIF value	07/2009
Oman ¹	0%	0%	0% (U)	0%	A final withholding tax of 10% on gross revenue will apply to payments for royalties (including computer programs), R&D. and computer software and management fees made to foreign companies with no PE in Oman		10/2009
Qatar	5% on C.I.F. value	5%	5% (U)	5%	5% ⁴	Additional requirements: Documents legalization against a fee: The fee is determined by the customs and generally based on the invoice value ICT Qatar approval: Consignee needs to get approval to import communication equipment and parts such as: radar, satellite, receivers/transmitters, phones, walkie talkies, PC, computers, etc.	07/2009

Saudi Arabia	0%	0%	0% (U)	0%	0%	None	08/2009
Syria	29%	29%	30%	3%	None ⁴	5% (1.5% luxury tax and 3.5% other taxes)	07/2009
Tunisia	0%	1%	15%	0%	Unknown	12 or 18% VAT on CIF value + duty (most common is 18%); 3% or 4% as other consumption taxes on CIF value	10/2009
United Arab Emirates	5%	5%	5% (U)	0%	None	No withholding or VAT taxes on computer hardware or software	07/2009
Yemen	0%	0 & 5 %	5% (U)	0%	Unknown ⁴	1% reconstruction tax on CIF value+ duty	07/2009

1 This country is a member of the Information Technology Agreement. Click [here](#) for more information.

2 Depending on the underlying medium on which it is presented, computer software is classified in one of the following five 10-digit HS numbers: 8523.29.2000, 8523.40.2010, 8523.40.2020, 8523.40.4000, 8523.40.5000.

3 Indicates whether the country applies tariff solely to the value of the underlying medium (M), content/full value of software (C), or if method is unknown (U). Click [here](#) for more information.

4 This country does not have a bilateral tax treaty with the United States and there is no confirmed withholding tax rate available. For more information on the possible tax obligations please contact the country's embassy. See <http://www.embassy.org>.

5 This withholding tax rate reflects a bilateral tax treaty with the United States. Click [here](#) for more information.

6 Sales taxes are based on a percentage of a predetermined value, if the value on which the tax is applied is known it is indicated. Generally either the "Cost + Insurance + Freight" value (CIF) or the "Free-On-Board" value (FOB) of the shipment is used to determine the tax obligation. For further information visit the Trade Information Center [website](#).

7 The United States has comprehensive embargo on Iraq.