



Manual Shipping and Security for all valuable goods

June 2026

disclaimer

The information provided in this manual – not limited to but in particular the time indications and tariffs – are based as far as known at the time of publishing.

Major permits/restrictions from the Bahraini Government institutions have not been communicated yet to the organizer of the exhibition and can therefore not be assessed yet to which extent these will affect the logistic part of the Jewellery Arabia 2026.

Therefore HelvetiCor reserves the right to amend all indications of the following manual and endeavours to inform all exhibitors in due course of such amendments.

Jewellery Arabia Bahrain 2026

Tuesday 24th until Saturday 28th November 2026

summary

As introduced in 2024, all documents for jewellery/watches have to be uploaded in the app MA'AREDH "The App" which is provided/directed by Bahraini Customs Authorities. <https://maaredhbh.com/> Exhibitors will need to register and upload their documents before arrival in Bahrain.

1. shipments of jewellery/watches can arrive by either handcarry or airfreight shipments after the show can depart upon exhibitor's preferences, regardless of arrival For urgently needed shipments after the show (such as christmas season) we strongly recommend to use handcarry on the outbound/reexport from Bahrain.
2. handcarry to arrive at Bahrain-airport between Nov 21 and Nov 23 noon
3. airfreight to arrive at Bahrain-airport between Nov 19 and Nov 22 noon
4. handcarry to depart from Bahrain-airport any later than Nov 29 from 12.00 noon until Dec 3 12.00 noon
5. inform your flight details as soon as known, at least 36 hours prior to landing of aircraft in Bahrain. <https://bahrain.helvetiCor.ch>
6. document requirements: proforma invoice in 3 copies (preferably including pictures)
7. temporary customs clearance / customs inspection will be made at the exhibition site exhibitors hall 3 / hall 5 / hall 6: strong room hall 6 (both inbound/outbound)
exhibitors hall 7 / hall 8: strong room hall 7 (both inbound/outbound)
exhibitors hall 9 / hall 10: : strong room hall 9 (both inbound/outbound)
8. exhibitors without international shipments, please see information under chapter 5

services HelvetiCor

HelvetiCor AG (hereinafter "HVC") is the **official partner of the organizer Informa Markets for valuable logistics** at the Jewellery Arabia Bahrain 2026. HVC will be present on site before, during and after the opening times to provide following services:

- handling of temporary inbound/outbound shipments incl. secured transportation by armoured vehicles (incl. police escort) from the airport to exhibition-site and vice-versa
- for handcarry-shipments: meeting the arrival passengers upon their arrival for handover

- secure overnight storage in our strongrooms
- in co-operation with the organizer providing local customs guarantee for the temporary importation (hereinafter 'Customs/VAT Lien')
- continuous support in all matters related to customs (inspections, settling tax/duty/VAT etc.)
- insurance solutions upon request

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1. Customs regulations

All goods from international stock will be imported on a temporary import basis. The necessary Customs/VAT Lien will be issued by the organizer

- proforma invoices have to be uploaded within "The App" before inspection at the fairsite. The invoices shall be detailed showing each item and contain official market values (preferably in USD or BHD), detailed description of the item, carats gross and net weight.
- To facilitate the process of inspections, exhibitors are recommended to include a color-picture of each item within the invoice or upload a separate list of pictures.
- No limitations on design and/or metal type of jewelry
- loose diamonds/stones are accepted
- inbound handcarry shipments containing any type of jewellery (incl. fashion/custume jewellery) cannot be cleared for final-import at Bahrain-airport and have to be shipped in transit to the exhibition-site.
- exhibiting pearls or **jewelry containing pearls are subject to a prior written permission** from the respective ministry (see contacts under 9.3)
- Temporary Import under Carnet ATA will not be possible for the Bahrain show
- Watches shipped along with CITES-certificates will be possible. If you intend to send any shipment which will be travelling with a CITES please do contact the HVC team in advance.
- All goods temporarily imported into the Kingdom of Bahrain and not sold during the exhibition have to leave the country within 4 days upon the closing of the show.
- For each sales of exhibit, all exhibitors with international shipment/s have to complete a specific 'Sales Form' which is part of "The App" as provided by customs authorities.
- Each exhibitor with international shipment/s has to open an account within "The App" provided by customs to monitor the Sales Forms

2. Taxes/Duties/VAT on sold items

The Kingdom of Bahrain has introduced a new VAT system (Value Added Tax) during 2019.

The VAT on all type on goods sold during the exhibition is **10%**; both the registration procedure and the basis of the applicable value are currently (summer 2026) still under discussion with the Bahraini authorities; latest by the opening of the exhibition it will be communicated by the organizer to all exhibitors. As in previous 5 years the VAT on sold items during the show might be waived.

The duty on all type on goods sold during the exhibition is 5 %; the basis of the value is the effective sales price or the value declared in the official customs invoice submitted by the exhibitor, whichever is the higher.

The exhibitor will be liable for full payment of duty and VAT in cash (local currency BHD) toward the Bahrain Customs Authorities for all goods sold during the exhibition. Settling by credit card is possible subject to a credit card agreement linked to "The App".

3. Shipments from abroad on a temporary import basis

Jewelry and watches can be imported on a temporary import arriving by either hand-carry or by airfreight (VAL-cargo is recommended). Airfreight on inbound and outbound are accepted both as single or consolidated shipments.

3.1. Hand-carry

3.1.1. arrival dates

Between **Saturday November 21st 2026 (noon) and Monday November 23th 2026 at 12.00 noon**

Note: Failure to comply with the latest arrival dates may result in the non-arrival or late delivery of exhibits to the show. Additionally a handling fee of USD 270.—for delayed arrival as outlined in the tariff will apply.

3.1.2. procedure airport

Right after immigration at Bahrain-airport, all exhibitors arriving with valuables will go to x-ray station no. 4, thereafter downstairs to the arrival hall where a team of Helvetikor will meet them upon landing (customs desk in between baggage claim 4 and 5). Hand-carried items must be properly packed within suitable lockable cases or in carry-on suitcases. Each case is not to exceed 20 kilos, elegant jewellery cases as outer packing will not be accepted.

HVC and customs authorities will seal each item of luggage and issue a receipt confirming the seal number/s. The sealed package/s will then be transported by armored truck/s to the strongroom at the exhibition-site and handed back to the exhibitor against the original receipt received at the airport.

3.1.3. procedure customs clearance at exhibition site / document requirements

Important note: Exhibitors **must upload their documents in "The App"** before starting clearance of their shipment/s. It is also recommended to carry a hard-copy of the documents.

Helvetikor is handling/managing 3 strongrooms (rear side within hall 6 /hall 7/hall 9) within the exhibition site; a few hours upon arrival/hand-over of the goods at the airport, exhibitors must be present in the strongroom to perform the customs inspection. Exhibitors of halls 3/5/6 in the strongroom of hall 6, exhibitors of halls 7/8 in the strongroom of hall 7 and exhibitors of halls 9/10 in the strongroom of hall 9. Customs officers will be present within all 3 strongrooms. (see opening times strongroom in chapter 7)

Exhibitors will sign for the receipt of the sealed goods, thereafter a customs officer will inspect items in the presence of the exhibitor. In most cases customs will do spot-checks only, i.e. randomly select items from the proforma-invoice which will then be inspected.

Once the inspection is performed, exhibitor/s can take the exhibits to their stand or leave it in custody of HVC within the strongroom.

3.1.4. Pre-alert

For each shipment arriving by hand-carry, a pre-alert with following information needs to be transmitted via weblink (<https://bahrain.helvetiCor.ch>) as soon as possible but latest 36 hours prior to landing in Bahrain:

- company name of exhibitor / stand no
 - flight number and date/time of arrival in Bahrain-airport
 - name/first name and passport number of carrying person
 - same information for outbound flights from Bahrain-airport
- do not send copies of the proforma-invoice

handcarry shipments without pre-alert will be subject to additional fee of USD 75.-- as outlined in the tariff.

3.2. airfreight

3.2.1. arrival dates

Between **Thursday November 19th 2026 and Sunday November 22nd 2026 (noon)**

Note: Failure to comply with the latest arrival dates may result in the non-arrival or late delivery of exhibits to the show. Additionally a handling fee of USD 270.—for delayed arrival as outlined in the tariff will apply.

3.2.2. procedure airport / addressing of Air Way Bill (AWB)

All shipments arriving by VAL-cargo will be transported by the airline's handling agent (BAS) to their strongroom at the airport. HelvetiCor will not be allowed to meet shipments airside.

Items must be well packed in durable cases, sealed and be properly marked with consignee's address (exhibitor name c/o Jewellery Arabia 2026 plus the correct stand number)

The cases will be transported by armored trucks to the strongroom at the exhibition-site and handed over to the exhibitor against presentation of necessary documents (passport, exhibitor pass).

The consignee address on Air Way Bills (AWB) must be indicated as following:

BICS – Bahrain International Cargo Services W.L.L.
P.O. Box 45 Manama / Bahrain events.bh@kanoo.com
for Jewellery Arabia 2026, stand no. / exhibitor's name

3.2.3. procedure customs clearance at exhibition site / document requirements

Important note: Exhibitors **must upload their documents in "The App"** before starting clearance of their shipment/s. It is also recommended to carry a hard-copy of the documents.



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Exhibitors will sign for the receipt of the sealed goods, thereafter a customs officer will inspect items. In most cases customs will do spot-checks only, i.e. randomly select items from the proforma-invoice which will then be inspected.

Once the inspection is performed, exhibitor/s can take the exhibits to their stand or leave it in custody of HVC within the strongroom.

Minimum 3 sets of proforma invoices have to be attached to the AWB, in addition exhibitors shall take another 1 copy with them to Bahrain.

3.2.4. International shipments by HelvetiCOR

Upon request HelvetiCOR (HVC) will also offer door-to-door service including transport insurance including the provision of customs clearance and re-importation for selected originating countries.

Exhibitors requiring these international services shall get in contact with HVC (address see 9.1. on page 12)

3.2.5. Pre-alert

For each shipment arriving by airfreight, a pre-alert with following information needs to be transmitted via weblink (<https://bahrain.helvetiCOR.ch>) as soon as possible but latest 36 hours prior to landing in Bahrain:

- AWB number (please upload AWB-copy if available)
- company name of exhibitor / stand no
- flight number and date/time of arrival in Bahrain-airport

do not send copies of the proforma-invoice

3.3. Exhibitor's Customs/VAT Liability - Customs/VAT Lien

Exhibitors with exhibits from abroad, entering the country of Bahrain with items under temporary import, have to complete the 'exhibitor's declaration' at the customs inspection. Exhibitors using the weblink (3.1.4/3.2.5) to send their pre-alert have integrated all this information already.

charges customs/VAT lien (non-refundable)

customs/VAT lien: USD 230.- per 1 Mio declared value (i.e. 0.230 ‰) based on the total value of the exhibits -
Minimum fee per exhibitor: USD 360.—

HelvetiCOR will collect the charges for customs/VAT lien on behalf of the organizer integrating this fee (non-refundable) in its invoice with all other handling fees as per tariff.

Note: For legal reasons the exhibitor will need to sign/handover a confirmation form to HelvetiCOR during the inbound customs inspection to guarantee in-time release of the exhibits for display. This confirmation form will not be applicable for exhibitors having informed their arrivals via HelvetiCOR's weblink.



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3.4. Departures after the exhibition

All exhibitors will be informed during the exhibition about the exact departure procedure. Following deadlines are valid for departures after the end of the exhibition in order to ensure enough time for customs inspection and transport to the airport:

- a) handcarry shipments 10 hours between customs inspection at fairground and handover at Bahrain-airport

standard case: departure aircraft any later than November 29 2026 from 12.00 noon

- b) airfreight shipments 48 hours between customs inspection at fairground and handover at Bahrain-airport

standard case: departure by cargo not any earlier than December 01 2026 from 04.00 am

All handcarry shipments have to be picked-up at the airport latest by Thursday December 3rd 2026.

4. Ground transportation in Bahrain/Security

All ground transportation with armored vehicles will be organized by HelvetiCOR from the airport to the fair-site and vice versa. All armored vehicles of HVC's subcontractor (Secure Services Bahrain) will be manned with a minimum of 2 guards and will be escorted by a special squad of the Bahrain police.

At the exhibition site all shipments (valuable & non-valuable) will be kept in a **secured area** (strong room) handled by HelvetiCOR and can be picked up by authorised persons against receipt. The strong room is under dual custody of HelvetiCOR/Bahrain customs, guarded 24-hours by armed guards and is equipped with both CCTV-system and alarm device.

5. exhibitors with goods from local stocks only (duty/VAT paid)

For domestic shipments exhibitors will have to apply directly to Bahraini Customs Authorities and will need to provide a detailed proforma invoice (same document requirements as in 3.1.3.) Bahraini Customs Authorities might levy a fee directly with the exhibitor which has to be paid in cash.

6. Insurance Coverage

No standard insurance is included in the services provided, neither by HelvetiCOR nor by their subcontracting partners.

HelvetiCOR's liability is strictly limited according to the General Conditions (GC) of Spedlogswiss and the General Conditions Warehousing of Spedlogswiss. ([General Conditions Link](#) / [Warehousing Link](#)). HelvetiCOR can - upon written request at least 24 hours before commencement of the risk - cover the insurance against the risks during transport and static risk in the strong rooms operated by HVC.

Costs depend on the value, interested exhibitors to contact HVC via e-mail.

7. Overnight storage

All exhibitors may use HVC's overnight storage service in the strong rooms at the Exhibition Centre (organized and handled by HVC). For overnight all 3 strong rooms (hall 6 / hall 7 / hall 9) will be opened. The overnight storage during the show days (Nov 24th until Nov 28th) is subject to the fees as published in the tariff under 8.3., whereas the costs from the day/s prior to opening of the show (Nov 21-Nov 23) are included in the service package-costs for international handcarry and/or airfreight shipments.

The strong-room opening times are as following:

Day	Date	Time	remarks
Saturday	21. Nov. 2026	14.00-18.00	clearance/inspections all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Sunday	22. Nov. 2026	10.00-20.00 16.30-20.00	clearance/inspections deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Monday	23. Nov. 2026	08.00-22.00 16.30-20.00	clearance/inspections deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Tuesday	24. Nov. 2026	07.00-11.00 21.30-23.00	clearance/inspections deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Wednesday	25. Nov. 2026	12.00-17.00 21.30-23.00	withdraw from overnight deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Thursday	26. Nov. 2026	12.00-17.00 21.30-23.00	withdraw from overnight deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Friday	27. Nov. 2026	12.00-17.00 21.30-23.00	withdraw from overnight deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Saturday	28. Nov. 2026	12.00-17.00 from 21.30 from 21.30	withdraw from overnight outbound clearance deposit for overnight all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9
Sunday	29. Nov. 2026	00.00-16.00	outbound clearance/inspections all strong rooms hall 6/hall 7/hall 9



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8. Helvetikor handling tariff

8.1. Hand carry

inbound package 1: charges per one shipment up to 4 packages/1 customs document issued	USD 550.--
outbound package 2: charges per one shipment up to 4 packages/1 customs document issued	USD 500.—
shipments with low value (upto USD 20'000) shipments with a value upto maximum USD 20'000: please contact us by e-mail	

8.2. Airfreight

inbound package 1: charges per one shipment up to 50 kg /1 customs document issued	USD 980.--
outbound package 2: charges per one shipment up to 50 kg /1 customs document issued	USD 630.--

package prices include:

¹ **inbound:** import/transit customs formalities on inbound; armoured trucking from the airport to the strongroom-fairsite (up to 4 packages handcarry/50 kg airfreight); support during customs inspection procedures; customs officers overtime; meeting the exhibitor upon arrival at Bahrain-airport according to their pre-alert (handcarry only); airport terminal/handling charges (airfreight only)

² **outbound:** support during customs inspection procedures; customs officers overtime; export/transit customs formalities on outbound; armoured trucking from the strongroom-fairsite to the airport (up to 4 packages handcarry/50 kg airfreight)

package prices exclude:

insurance costs during transit/intermediate storage / airfreight costs outbound to destination (airfreight only)

8.3. Overnight storage during the show in the main vault, excluding insurance

• 1 or 2 packages (flat rate for all nights during the entire show)	USD 260.--
• 3 or 4 packages (flat rate for all nights during the entire show)	USD 370.--
• 5 or more packages (flat rate for all nights during the entire show)	USD 530.—

8.4. Customs/VAT Lien

Customs/VAT lien (offered by the Organizer Informa Markets)	0.230 %,
USD 230.-- per 1 Mio USD value (non refundable)	Minimum
with Minimum of USD 360.—per exhibitor will be charged.(non refundable)	USD 360. —



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8.5. Additional Charges

8.5.1. large shipments handcarry (in addition to handling charges under 8.1)

trucking costs for large shipments (depending on total number of packages)	up to total 4 packages	USD 0.—
	from 5 to 8 packages	USD 135.—
	from 9 to 12 packages	USD 200.—

8.5.2. large shipments airfreight (in addition to handling charges under 8.2)

trucking costs for large shipments (USD 135.—per 50 kg or part thereof exceeding first 50 kg)	USD 135.—per 50 kg
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8.5.3. missing pre-alert handcarry-shipments (in addition to handling charges under 8.1)

shipments without written pre-alert 36 hours before arrival at Bahrain-airport	USD 75.—
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8.5.4. delayed arrivals

handcarry: Any shipments (hand-over Bahrain-airport after 12.00 noon local time on Monday, 23 th November 2026 and/or	USD 270. —
airfreight: landing of shipment Bahrain airport after 12.00 noon on Nov 22. 2026	per customs doc. per HAWB

Terms of Payment

Settlement of all charges to HVC against invoice issued during the show, until **Friday 27th Nov. 2026 latest**, can be done only by any of the following **credit cards**:

AMERICAN EXPRESS

MASTERCARD VISA



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9. Contacts

9.1. Helvetikor (jewellery/watches)

For valuable shipments containing jewellery/watches:

Helvetikor AG Lerzenstrasse 14
CH-8953 Dietikon – Switzerland

phone: +41 44 744 6430
(time zone Europe)
bahrain@helvetikor.ch

**to notify the arrivals of your precious goods by handcarry or airfreight, please
use our web form on link: <https://bahrain.helvetikor.ch>**

As per Friday, Nov 20th 2026 until Monday, Nov 30th 2026:

office phone no.	+973 17 552 088	office fax no.:	+973 17 554 991
local cellphone:	+973 34 – 008 674	24/7 for handcarry arrivals only	
	+973 34 – 008 784	09.00 to 23.00 only	

9.2. Bahraini customs app MA'AREDH "The App"

To resolve problems in uploading process of documents, enquiries have to be
addressed directly to : exhibition@customs.gov.bh

exhibitors can add screenshots / attachments in their e-mail communication

9.3. Ministry (pearls)

For shipments containing pearls or pearl jewellery:

Ministry of Industry & Commerce
Directorate of Precious Metals/Gemstone Testing
P.O. Box 60667

Manama – Bahrain

Mr. S. Ali Shubbar Jawad
Director Testing & Metrology
phone: +973 17 574 910 (time zone
Bahrain)

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