

Circular No. 34 of 1994 concerning the entry of vessels into the seaports of the United Arab Emirates and their departure therefrom, 24 May 1994

With a view to regulating the entry of vessels into the seaports of the State and their departure therefrom, instructions have been issued for the purpose of laying down rules for the regulation of this traffic in a manner that accords with the provisions of the laws and regulations in force in the country.

Therefore, as from 1 July 1994, ships, cruisers, launches and other means of maritime transport and naval units shall be prohibited from entering the territorial waters and ports of the State unless they hold the evidential document required under the provisions of the law, in accordance with international custom.

The most important of these documents are:

1. Certificate of registration and sailing permit of vessels;
2. Statement of cargo or freight;
3. Crew list and passenger list;

For the purpose of establishing the identity of crew members, the seaman's maritime permit shall be used for entering the ports of the State.

Due account being taken of emergencies and climatic conditions, vessels shall be prohibited from lying at anchor in the ports of the State for more than 72 hours in the case of cruisers and for more than 21 days in the case of wooden vessels and launches.