

The requirements for transporting a corpse overseas are as follows:

- 1- Death Certificate.
- 2- Certificate of Embalming issued by the funeral parlor state that the body has been embalmed for transportation overseas in accordance with the regulations of the state of _____
- 3- Burial – Cremation – Transportation Permit issued by the U.S. Department of Health.
- 4- Certificate from the U.S. Department of Health stating that the death was not caused by a communicable disease.
- 5- Passport of the deceased person.
- 6- Flight schedule, time of arrival and destination.
- 7- SYRIA: Human remains destined for Syria must be placed in a metal liner containing sawdust or charcoal mixed with a suitable disinfectant. The metal liner is placed in a heavy wooden casket, hermetically sealed and at least one inch thick. The ends of the casket should be sealed with a steel band. This, in turn, is enclosed in a U.S standard wooden shipping box.

When this has been done, the consul will issue a shipping permit. Required documents include: a statement as to the identity of the deceased, burial permit and a permit to transport remains issued by local authorities, certified copy of the death certificate, certificate by local medical authorities that death was not the result of contagious disease, and that the body has been prepared and placed in a casket as required by the medical authorities and that no hazard to health is created by shipping the remains.

The Consulate requires two Photostats of the death certificate.

The statement as to the identity of the deceased should include the place and number of Civil Registration in Syria. This is generally obtainable only from an old passport or Syrian identity card, or from relatives of the deceased in Syria.

A statement is required as to the point of entry of the remains into Syria and the place of burial.

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