

# Notice to Travelers Bringing Fresh Fruits or Vegetables, Plants, Plant Products, Meat Products, or Live Animals from Canada to the United States

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This information is provided as a guide to the general public for bringing fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, meat products, or live animals into the United States. Some states, including Florida, Texas, and California, may have more restrictive entry requirements. THIS INFORMATION IS NOT FOR COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS. Information subject to change. Information is also available at the website:

[http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/kbyg/prohibited\\_restricted.xml](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/kbyg/prohibited_restricted.xml)

All fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, meat products, and live animals MUST BE DECLARED at the time of entry into the United States regardless of whether they are allowed or not.

**\*\* YOU COULD BE ASSESSED A MONETARY PENALTY FOR NOT DECLARING ALL SUCH ITEMS. \*\***

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## FRESH FRUITS:

- Most fruits grown in Canada are enterable. Fresh cherries from Ontario are PROHIBITED.
- Fruits not grown in Canada or the U.S. are restricted or prohibited. If there is doubt as to the fruit's origin, it will be prohibited. It may be helpful to leave stickers on and keep fruit in the original store package.
- All citrus fruits, including U.S. citrus, are PROHIBITED in passenger baggage.
- Tropical fruits are not grown in Canada and are prohibited. This includes, **but is not limited to**, oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit, mangoes, rambutans, lychees, and longans.
- Bananas labeled as coming from South or Central America are enterable.
- Fruits that can be grown in Canada but are out of season (for example, grapes or peaches in the winter) will be considered to NOT be of Canadian origin and are PROHIBITED.

## FRESH VEGETABLES:

- Many fresh vegetables grown in Canada are enterable.
- Vegetables not grown in Canada or the U.S. are restricted or prohibited. If there is doubt as to the vegetable's origin, it will be prohibited. It may be helpful to leave stickers on and keep vegetables in the original store package.
- Canadian origin tomatoes and peppers are prohibited in non-commercial shipments.
- Canadian origin potatoes for personal use are enterable if free from soil and commercially packaged weighing 50 pounds or less.
- Dry bulbs of onions and garlic are enterable.
- Green stems of onions, garlic, leeks, shallots, and related vegetables are prohibited or restricted from all provinces.
- Corn-on-the-cob is enterable into Michigan but must be treated for insects if going to western states.
- All commercially packaged, hard frozen or canned vegetables are enterable.

## MEAT and DAIRY PRODUCTS

- Personal amounts of beef, veal, bison, swine, and fish meat of Canadian origin are enterable. Quantities over 50 pounds require inspection by the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service.
- Cooked poultry and eggs of Canadian origin are enterable. Uncooked poultry and eggs are prohibited during outbreaks of avian diseases in Canada.
- Lamb, sheep, goat, and yak meat, including as a pet food ingredient, of Canadian origin are PROHIBITED.
- Hunter-harvested bison, buffalo, goat, musk ox, sheep, or yak which are eviscerated, headless, and accompanied by a valid hunting license are enterable.
- Caribou, deer, elk, moose, and reindeer are enterable with or without head and eviscerated or not eviscerated, provided that the type of animal can be determined or proven with documentation.
- All dairy products of Canadian origin are enterable.
- Hard cheese without meat is enterable from all countries.
- Cooked and uncooked meat and dairy products from countries other than Canada may be prohibited depending on the disease status of the country. This includes Mooncakes containing egg.

NOTE: If the animal origin of a meat product cannot be determined, it will be prohibited. Examples include: unlabeled sausage, cooked meat in a casserole dish, or pet food not in its original container.

## CUT FLOWERS

All cut flowers arriving from Canada in personal baggage require inspection.

## FIREWOOD

Firewood is prohibited unless accompanied by a valid Canadian government phytosanitary certificate or appropriate heat treatment certificate.

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## PLANTS

All Canadian origin plants, whether indoor or outdoor, must be accompanied by either:

- An original Canadian Phytosanitary Certificate or
- A yellow Greenhouse Certification Program sticker
- Phytosanitary Certificates or Greenhouse Certification Program stickers may be available from the business where the plants are purchased. Please check before purchasing.
- All plants in soil from Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland, and Quebec are restricted or prohibited.
- Some plants are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, bamboo, citrus, barberry, and Oregon grape plants.
- Some plants have special entry requirements due to their endangered species status. These include, but are not limited to, orchid, palm, cactus, and Venus flytrap plants.
- A number of other plants also have special entry requirements. These include, but are not limited to, many fruit trees, bushes, and vines.
- Fresh cut fir and spruce trees for personal use in Michigan are unrestricted. Cut pine trees are prohibited.
- US origin plants may be enterable with proof of origin.

➡ To avoid problems, please call for the import requirements of any plants you are bringing into the U.S. ⬅

## SEEDS AND NUTS FOR CONSUMPTION

- As a general rule, nuts and seeds of Canadian origin are enterable. If there is doubt as to where they were grown, they will be considered to be of non-Canadian origin.
- Nuts, seeds, beans, and grains of non-Canadian origin may be restricted or prohibited. **INSPECTION IS REQUIRED.** Please note that these restrictions apply to both raw and cooked products.
- Rice (uncooked), melon seeds (including roasted), chickpeas, soybeans, and safflower seed from the following countries are prohibited: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burma (Myanmar), Cyprus, Egypt, Kuwait, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Upper Volta (Burkina Faso).
- Other dry food products from the above countries are subject to intensive inspection.
- Red rice is prohibited from all countries.

## SEEDS FOR PLANTING

- Some seeds for planting are prohibited.
- An original Phytosanitary Certificate or Seed Analysis Certificate must accompany all admissible plant seeds of Canadian origin. These seeds must be grown in Canada, not just packed in Canada.
- Seeds of non-Canadian origin are restricted or prohibited.

## OTHER FOOD ITEMS

- See the MEAT and DAIRY PRODUCTS section for restrictions on pet foods that contain animal products and are made in Canada. Pet food that is made in the United States or that does not contain animal products is enterable.
- Dried citrus fruit and citrus peel are prohibited.
- Most other commercially packaged dried fruits and vegetables are enterable.
- Bakery goods without meat (breads, bagels, doughnuts, pies, cakes) are enterable from all countries.

**LIVE ANIMALS** – Please contact the USDA Import/Export Specialist at 517-337-4700 for the specific requirements for your pet or live animal to come into the United States.

\*\* CANADIAN ORIGIN PET BIRDS ARE RESTRICTED & EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED BY THE USDA PORT VETERINARIAN (Office hours are M-F 8-4:30 p.m. unless prior appointment has been made.) \*\*

\*\* RODENTS FROM AFRICA, CIVETS, and NON-COMMERCIAL RUMINANT ANIMALS ARE PROHIBITED. \*\*

Restrictions on the importation of fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, meat products, and live animals help to safeguard American agriculture by preventing the entry of new agricultural pests and diseases into the United States. You can help by following the guidelines in this pamphlet and declaring all of your fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, meat products, and live animals each time you cross the border into the United States.

For additional information please contact:

US Customs and Border Protection, Agriculture Inspection  
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810-989-8839

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