

Bringing Agricultural Products and Pets to the United States from Canada

This guide is provided for travelers bringing fruits, vegetables, plants, seeds, nuts, plant products, animals and animal products from Canada to the United States.

FRESH FRUIT (CITRUS AND TROPICAL FRUITS ARE PROHIBITED):

US fruits, EXCEPT CITRUS, may return if they are in season and clearly marked with US brand labels. Citrus fruits are imported into Canada from all over the world and may carry insect pests or diseases thus posing a risk to US agriculture.

Fruits grown in Canada are allowed, but require labeling. Other fruits may be restricted or prohibited. Fruits that are out of season when presented (for example grapes or peaches in the spring) are not grown in Canada or the US may be prohibited.

Citrus, mangos, avocados, rambutans, plantains, lychee, longans, langsat, durian and many other fruits that are not grown in Canada or the US may be prohibited.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Peppers, tomatoes, green onions, chives, garlic chives and leeks are prohibited. Potatoes from Vancouver Island and Canadian Maritimes are prohibited entry from Canada. Fresh potatoes from other locations in Canada are allowed only if commercially packaged or peeled. Corn on the cob is allowed only if grown in British Columbia or US. Other vegetables grown in Canada are generally admissible.

Vegetables from other countries may be restricted or prohibited. Cooked vegetables are allowed.

MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:

Beef or Bison are allowed from Canada, but limited to 50 pounds per importation.

Lamb and goat are prohibited from Canada. Also included are fresh, frozen, raw, cooked, canned, sausages, curry or home-made sauces containing lamb or goat, sheep casings, etc.

Pet food and pet treats: USA made pet food in original, commercial packaging is allowed. Canadian-made pet food containing lamb, goat or unidentified animal products is prohibited. Dried and canned pet food made in countries other than the USA or Canada is allowed if it is less than 50 pounds, is shelf-stable without refrigeration and is in original, commercially labeled package. Beef, poultry and pork meat is allowed.

Pork, poultry, seafood, eggs, milk and cheese from Canada are allowed. Pork and poultry are limited to 50 pounds per importation.

Hunter-harvested wild game is enterable with valid hunting permit, and is subject to USDA and Fish and Wildlife restrictions.

SEEDS, NUTS AND HERBAL MEDICINE:

Most nuts, seeds and spices for cooking or eating that have been roasted, boiled, shelled, split or ground are allowed. Peanuts must be roasted or boiled. Cumin (Jeera) must be ground. Rice from certain countries in the Middle East and Africa are prohibited. Raw nuts and seeds for eating that were grown in Canada or the United States are allowed. Herbal medicine containing dried citrus peel, sliced deer antler or certain seeds are prohibited.

PLANTS AND SEEDS FOR PLANTING:

A Phytosanitary Certificate or other certification is required for all plants, seeds, bulbs and cuttings. Plants may be subject to special certifications and permits, especially fruit and nut bearing plants. Citrus plants, most palms, bamboo plants and soil from certain areas in Canada are prohibited. Please check with US Customs and Border Protection or with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) before you bring these items to the U.S. **Plants and seeds without proper certification will be prohibited.**

CUT FLOWERS AND GREENERY:

Cut flowers and greenery originating from Canada must be inspected and found free of insects and diseases. Cut flowers and greenery from other countries might be prohibited. Branches from fruit, nut or pine trees, laurel, cotton, hibiscus and grape are prohibited from all countries.

Fresh cut Christmas trees from British Columbia or Alberta are allowed into Washington State with a written receipt/declaration of origin.

LIVE ANIMALS AND BIRDS:

Dogs and cats must be healthy, and dogs also require current rabies certificates. Live fish from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario are prohibited. Carp, birds, hatching eggs and other live animals are subject to USDA Veterinarian inspection to enter or re-enter the United States. Call Veterinary Services at 509-476-2635 before you travel.

FIREWOOD, OUTDOOR ARTICLES, BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:

Don't move firewood. Buy it where you burn it. Firewood may carry insects and diseases. Clean board ends will still be allowed. A certification document for heat treatment is required from injurious pests such as insects, soil, plants and weed seeds.

For additional information: www.aphis.usda.gov and www.cbp.gov

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