



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection Bringing Agricultural Products from Canada



ALL TRAVELERS: This is a guide for bringing fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, seeds, nuts, animals and animal products from Canada to the USA. Requirements for items from other sources or destinations may be more restrictive. This information is not exhaustive and is not intended for commercial importers.

For additional information:

[www.aphis.usda.gov](http://www.aphis.usda.gov)

[www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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Agriculture Inspection

USDA Veterinary Services

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Swanton, VT 05488

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**! IMPORTANT!** When entering the United States, ALL TRAVELERS must inform U.S. Officers of ALL fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, meats, animal products, and live animals, regardless of whether they are allowed.  
**Failure to declare may result in penalties (fines) of \$300 or more.**



### LIVE ANIMALS AND BIRDS

- Dogs and cats must appear healthy. Dogs also require current rabies certificates. Live fish from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario are prohibited. All Birds, hatching eggs, and other live animals, may be subject to USDA Veterinarian inspection to enter or re-enter the United States. *Call Veterinary Services before you travel. See Above.*



### FIREWOOD, OUTDOOR ARTICLES, BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

- Firewood is prohibited unless certified as heat treated. Clean board ends / construction scrap is allowed. "Don't Move Firewood! Buy It Where You Burn It!"
- Inspect and clean vehicles, equipment and other articles stored outdoors to eliminate insect pests and weed seeds.



### FRESH FRUIT (CITRUS IS PROHIBITED AND MOST TROPICAL FRUITS ARE RESTRICTED)

- Restricted or prohibited are all citrus, and for example mangos, avocados, rambutans, lychee, longan, etc.
- Fruits grown in Canada or the United States are allowed if origin is clearly LABELED. Also, clearly LABELED bananas grown and harvested in South or Central America are allowed. Fruits from other countries of origin AND UN-LABELED fruits are restricted or prohibited.
- USA fruits, brought from the USA, may return if originally taken to Canada but return to the USA uneaten. Proof of original purchase may be required. USA CITRUS is NOT allowed to return (oranges, clementines, lemon, lime, grapefruit, and pomelo).
- Please remember that LABELING is required to determine ANY fruit admissibility.
- Please dispose of all cores, peels, and leftover eaten fruit waste before entering the USA.



### FRESH VEGETABLES

- Most vegetables grown in Canada or the United States are allowed if origin is clearly LABELED. Vegetables from other countries of origin AND UN-LABELED vegetables are restricted or prohibited.
- Tomatoes and peppers are allowed only if LABELED as USA grown. All other tomatoes and peppers are prohibited. Garlic, chives, green onions, scallions, shallots and leeks are prohibited from Canada. Potatoes are allowed only if commercially

packaged and LABELED origin USA or Canada. Corn on the cob is allowed only if it is inspected by a Customs Agriculture Specialist. Please remember that LABELING is required to determine ANY vegetable admissibility.



### **MEAT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS**

**(CANADIAN BEEF IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED, LAMB AND GOAT ARE PROHIBITED)**

- Meat and meat products containing beef, bison or farm-raised venison are allowed if LABELED origin USA or Canada.
- Poultry, Beef, Pork in any form are limited to 50 pounds per person per importation.
- Lamb and goat in any form are PROHIBITED from Canada.
- Pet food and pet treats containing lamb or goat of Canadian and NON USA origin are prohibited
- Pork, poultry, eggs, milk and cheese from Canada are allowed. NON USA or Canada manufactured MOON CAKES, containing egg or egg yolk, are prohibited. 100 year eggs are prohibited.
- Seafood is allowed.
- Any Soup containing meat or meat by-products – only USA or Canada origin are allowed. All other meat/meat by products as an ingredient in foreign country manufactured soups are PROHIBITED.
- Hunter-harvested wild game AND meats are enterable when presented with a valid hunting permit. The valid permit must have been issued to you OR (if you were given the meat) the original hunter of the wildlife. All wild game and meats are subject to current USDA and Fish and Wildlife regulations.
- 'Tiger' brand balms/salve are allowed. Other 'Tiger' products are subject to inspection for admissibility.
- OMEGA-3 Supplements – Derived from HARP SEAL and other marine mammals are PROHIBITED. For determination of admissibility - A clear and readable ingredient label is required on all supplements.



### **SEEDS, NUTS AND HERBAL MEDICINE**

- Most nuts, seeds and spices for cooking or eating are allowed. Peanuts must be roasted or boiled. Cumin (Jeera) must be ground.
- Herbal medicines containing citrus peel or wildlife products are prohibited.



### **SEEDS FOR PLANTING**



### **PLANTS**

- A Canadian issued Phytosanitary Certificate, Seed Analysis Certificate, Seed Export Label, Canadian Greenhouse Certification Program label or Import Permit is required to bring seeds for planting and for all plants, bulbs and cuttings.
- Citrus plants and most palms and bamboo plants are prohibited. Please check with us or with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) before you purchase these items.



### **CUT FLOWERS AND GREENERY**

- Cut flowers and greenery must be inspected by an Agriculture Specialist. Branches from fruit, nut, pine trees, laurel, cotton, hibiscus and grape are prohibited.