

Meat and Animal Products

Canadian Beef is allowed, Lamb and Goat are prohibited. Meat and meat products identifiable as containing beef, pork, poultry, bison, or farm-raised venison are allowed from Canada, limited to 50 pounds and for personal use only.

Lamb and Goat, all meat products and by-products, are prohibited from Canada unless identifiable as hunter harvested wild game.

Pork, Poultry, Seafood, Eggs, Milk, and Cheese from Canada are allowed. Hunter-Harvested Wild Game is enterable with valid hunting license, subject to USDA and Fish and Wildlife restrictions.

Pet Food and Pet Treats must be in the original packaging showing the ingredients and origin of the product. Entry is based on ingredients and type of processing. Unlabeled or fresh pet food and treats are prohibited. Fresh and freeze-dried pet food or treats may be prohibited. Packages must be factory sealed unless the pet is present.

Instant Noodles or Soup containing beef, chicken, fish, or pork flavor is allowed from Canada. Instant noodles or soups from other foreign countries may be prohibited.

Live Animals & Birds

Dogs and Cats must be healthy, and dogs also require current rabies certificates.

Birds, Hatching Eggs, Carp and other live animals are subject to USDA Veterinarian inspection to enter or re-enter the United States. Call USDA Veterinary Services before you travel.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

4600 Post Mark Drive
Anchorage, AK 99502

Agriculture Information:
Anchorage (907) 271-6313 ext. 350
Cargo (907) 271-6313 ext. 350
Express Mail (907) 271-3732

Customs & Immigration:
Airport (907) 271-6313 ext. 340
Cargo (907) 271-6309
Express Mail (907) 249-3151

USDA Veterinary Services
P.O. Box 670590
Chugiak, AK 99567
(907) 688-1229

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
(907) 271-6198

IMPORTANT:

When entering the United States, travelers must inform U.S. Customs and Border Protection of all fruits, vegetables, plants, plant products, live animals, meats and animal products, regardless of whether they are allowed. Failure to declare may result in penalties (fines) of \$300 or more.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is responsible for safeguarding agriculture by preventing the entry of exotic plant pests and foreign animal diseases into the United States. These efforts keep our food prices low, reduce the use of pesticides and promote agricultural exports and trade.

The Department of Homeland Security prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital status. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information should contact the Officer on duty.

Bringing Agriculture Products to Alaska from Canada



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Border Protection



Fresh Fruit

Citrus & Tropical Fruits are Prohibited

U.S. fruits, except citrus, may return if they are in season and clearly marked with U.S. brand labels (For example, Washington apples with stickers). Citrus fruits (Oranges, Lemons, Limes, Grapefruits, Kumquats and Mandarins) are imported into Canada from all over the world and may carry plant pests that would be harmful to U.S. agriculture. Because of this risk citrus fruits are prohibited.

Fruits grown in Canada or the United States are allowed (Leave the labels on; unlabeled fruit is prohibited). Labeled Bananas from South or Central America are subject to inspection. Other fruits are restricted or prohibited. Fruits that are obviously out of season when they are presented (for example, grapes or peaches in the spring) are not grown in Canada or the United States and are prohibited. Fruits that require treatment before entering the U.S. are prohibited.

Citrus, Mangoes, Avocados, Rambutans, Plantains, Lychee (Litchi), Longans, Langsats, Durian and many other fruits are not grown in Canada. Canada imports fruit from many countries. If there is any doubt about origin, fruit will be prohibited.

Fresh Vegetables

Vegetables grown in Canada or the United States are usually allowed. Garlic Chives, Chives, Green Onions, Leeks, or any other green Allium vegetable are prohibited from Canada. Potatoes are allowed only if commercially packaged or peeled. Corn on the cob is allowed only if grown in British Columbia or the western United States. All Tomatoes and Peppers (Bell, Chili, Jalapeno, etc.) are prohibited, except as a cut-up ingredient. Okra is prohibited.

Check Labels

Vegetables from other countries are prohibited or restricted. Frozen vegetables are allowed.

Seeds, Nuts, Rice, & Herbal Medicine

Rice, Chickpeas, Soybeans, and Safflower Seeds must be labeled with country of origin and are prohibited from countries that have Khapra Beetle including India, Iran, and other Middle Eastern Countries. Most nuts, seeds, and spices for cooking or eating that have been roasted, boiled, shelled, split or ground are allowed. Split lentils in amount greater than one pound are prohibited. Peanuts must be roasted or boiled. Cumin (Jeera) must be ground. 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, bird nest or certain seeds are prohibited

Firewood

All firewood is prohibited unless accompanied by heat treatment certificate. Travelers with prohibited firewood will be returned to Canada to dispose of firewood.

Don't Move Firewood! Buy It Where You Burn It!

Outdoor Articles, Boats, & Recreational Vehicles

Inspect and Clean articles, equipment and vehicles stored outdoors to ensure freedom from injurious insect pests and weed seeds.

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Plants

A Phytosanitary Certificate or Greenhouse Certification Program label is required for all plants, bulbs and cutting. Plants may be subject to special certifications and permits, especially fruit- and nut-bearing plants. Citrus plants, palms and bamboo plants are prohibited. Please check with U.S. CBP Agriculture or with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) before you purchase these items.

Plants in soil are allowed from most of Canada, but soil from Newfoundland, Alberta, Saint Amable in Quebec, and Central Saanich on Vancouver Island is prohibited without a USDA permit. Plants from these areas must be completely free of soil before CFIA will issue a Phytosanitary Certificate.

CFIA (604)541-3366

Seeds for Planting

A Phytosanitary Certificate, Seed Analysis Certificate, Seed Export Label or Import Permit is required to bring seeds for planting into the United States. Some seeds are prohibited from all countries, including Canada.

Cut Flowers & Greenery

Cut Flowers and Greenery must be inspected and found free of insects and diseases (some will require a phytosanitary certificate, or are prohibited). Branches from fruit, nut, or pine trees, laurel, cotton, hibiscus and grape are prohibited.

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees from British Columbia or Alberta are allowed into Alaska and Washington State with a written receipt or declaration of origin.