

may also bring back up to 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or cigarillos, 200 tobacco sticks and 200 grams of manufactured tobacco. Tobacco products included in a personal exemption are still subject to a minimum duty, unless they are marked "Canada - Duty Paid."

Canada imposes special restrictions on a variety of imported goods. If you are considering importing meat or dairy products, weapons, plants, vehicles, exotic animals or products made from their skins or feathers, contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) beforehand for guidance. It is illegal to bring obscene materials, child pornography or hate propaganda of any kind into the country.

The Government of Canada has introduced the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act. Under this new legislation, there are no restrictions on the amount of money that you can bring into or take out of Canada. However, you now have to report to a customs officer amounts equal to or greater than C\$10,000 that you are bringing into or taking out of Canada.

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Make Friends

Make an effort to meet others. Interacting with local people will help you learn about their culture and will demonstrate your commitment to becoming part of the community.

For more information, refer to the CCRA brochure entitled *Crossing the Border With \$10,000 or More?*

Depending on how long you have resided outside Canada, on your return you may be subject to special import provisions for household items and personal belongings. Details of these provisions can be found in the CCRA brochure *Moving Back to Canada*.

If you have any questions about what you are allowed to bring back, contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency or call your local Customs Border Services office.

