
Canada Customs and Import Controls

You must declare everything acquired abroad, whether purchases for yourself or gifts, as well as goods bought at a Canadian or foreign duty-free store. Keep your original receipts for possible inspection.

If you have been away from Canada for 24 hours, you may claim C\$50 worth of goods, excluding alcohol and tobacco, duty-free. After 48 hours, you may claim C\$200. You may claim C\$500, including alcohol and tobacco, any time you have been away from Canada for seven days or longer.

Certain goods are restricted from entering Canada. If you are considering importing meat or dairy products, plants, firearms, vehicles, or exotic animals or products made from their skins or feathers, please contact Canada Customs beforehand for guidance.

Obscene materials, hate propaganda, and goods harmful to the environment are prohibited from entering Canada.

If you have any questions about what you may bring home, call your local Canada Customs office. Someone is available 24 hours a day, year-round, to answer your questions. If you are calling in Canada, dial 1-800-461-9999 to reach the Automated Customs Information System. Outside Canada (or from Ottawa), call (613) 993-0534. The booklet entitled *I Declare* gives complete information for travellers returning to Canada after an absence of less than one year.