



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

What can I bring into Canada?

**Foods, plants and animals can harbour
disease and pests.**

**Protect Canada's resources ...
Be aware and declare!**

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If you have been away from Canada for seven days or more, you may bring back goods worth up to C\$750 without paying duties or taxes. These goods can include tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, as described below. When calculating the number of days you are absent, do not include the date you leave Canada, but do include the date you return.

If you have been away from Canada for 48 hours or more, you may bring back up to 1.14 litres of liquor or 1.5 litres of wine, or a case of 24 bottles or cans of beer or ale, each containing 355 ml. You may also bring back up to 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or cigarillos, 200 tobacco sticks and 200 grams of manufactured tobacco. Provincial age restrictions apply to liquor and tobacco products.

Certain goods are restricted from entering Canada. If you are considering importing meat or dairy products, plants, weapons, vehicles, exotic animals or products made from their skins or feathers, contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency or the Canadian Firearms Centre beforehand for guidance.

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

If you have any questions about what you can bring home, contact the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency or call your local Customs border service office.

The booklet *Declare* describes what you can and cannot bring back to Canada if you have been away for less than a year.

Import of Firearms

Rigid rules apply to the import of firearms. For more information, contact the Canadian Firearms Centre.

Illegal Souvenirs

Before you purchase an animal or plant, or a product made from animals or plants, be sure you know what rules and regulations apply. Many attractive items sold in foreign countries are made from endangered plants or animals. Live cactus and orchid plants, ivory bracelets and carvings, marine turtle shells and turtle-shell products, whalebone carvings, and cat skins, teeth and claws are some of the more common items illegally brought back to Canada. These items are included in the more than 30,000 species of wild animals and plants regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). A violation of CITES could lead to seizure of your purchase, as well as a fine and/or prison term.