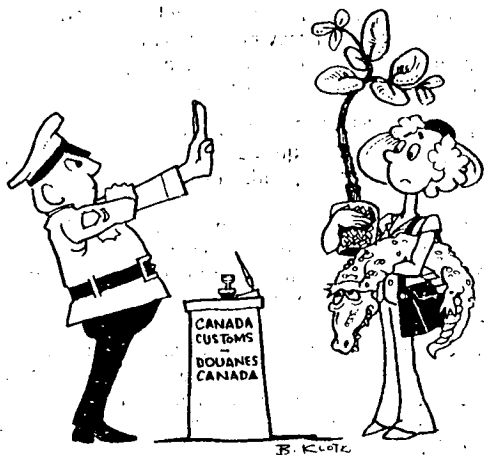


Canada is helping to preserve **rare and endangered plants and animals** through the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Regulations now prohibit the import or export of over 1000 species, as well as their parts and products, without Convention permits. The following species and any articles made from them are just a few of those which require permits: elephants (ivory), monkeys, all cats except domestic cats, otters, alligators, crocodiles, orchids, American cacti, falcons, the larger sea turtles. For more information, contact the Administrator, CITES, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0E7.



Agriculture Canada controls or prohibits the entry into Canada of animals, birds, insects, plants and soil and their products or parts (such as seeds, roots, meat, milk and food made from these sources) to prevent viruses and other causes of disease from being introduced into Canada, potentially causing great damage to the economy by infecting and killing animals and plants. Many such items

require permits or health certificates, with very specific requirements, which you must obtain in Canada prior to your trip. Don't assume otherwise. In particular, all birds and all animals (except dogs and cats) require an import permit from the Food Production and Inspection Branch for entry into Canada. General information on bringing such items to Canada is found in Agriculture Canada's "Don't Bring it Back" pamphlet, available at airports. For more details, contact the Animal Health Division, or Plant Quarantine Division of Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Motor vehicles —If you buy a vehicle abroad intending to import it to Canada make sure that it conforms to Canadian safety and environmental protection standards. A vehicle that has been used abroad (other than in the continental United States) must be thoroughly cleaned to remove all soil before shipment to Canada. For further information on vehicle standards, contact the Department of Transport, Road and Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety Branch, Transport Canada, Place de Ville, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5.

Explosives, Ammunition, Fireworks —Blasting explosives and detonators, propellant explosives and ammunition, and all types of fireworks and pyrotechnic devices, save for a few exemptions, may not be imported into Canada without a permit. Check with your local Customs Office for exemptions. All other inquiries and requests for importation permits should be directed to: Chief Inspector of Explosives, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, Sir William Logan Building, 580 Booth Street, Ottawa Ontario, K1A 0E4.

AFTER RESIDENCE ABROAD ... Before returning to Canada after a stay abroad of more than one year, Canadians should learn from Canadian Customs officials about special provisions applying to the importation of household items and personal belongings. More information is contained in the brochure *Moving Back to Canada?*, available from Canadian posts abroad or from Public Relations Branch, Revenue Canada, at the above address.