

If you have been away from Canada for 48 hours or more, you may bring back up to 40 ounces (1.14 litres) of liquor or wine, or a case of 24 bottles/cans of beer, each containing 12 ounces (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, or exotic animals or products made from their skins or feathers, contact Canada Customs beforehand for guidance.

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

If you have any questions about what you can bring home, visit the Revenue Canada Web site (<http://www.rc.gc.ca>) or call your local Customs border services. To reach the Automated Customs Information Service, call **1-800-461-9999** (in Canada).

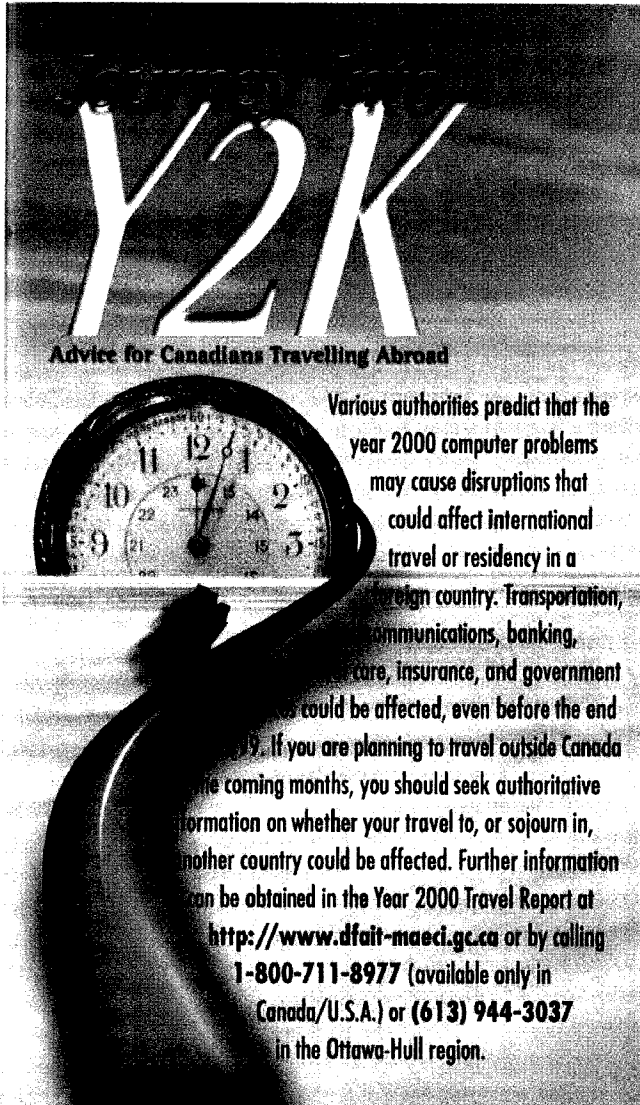
The booklet *I Declare* describes what you can and cannot bring back to Canada if you have been away for less than a year. See page 31 for details on how to order this publication.

Illegal Souvenirs

While travelling outside Canada, you may decide to purchase souvenirs. Unfortunately, many attractive items sold in foreign countries are made from endangered plants or animals. To determine what you can and cannot legally bring back into Canada, contact Environment Canada by telephone at **(819) 997-1840**, or by fax at **(819) 953-6283**. More information is available on the Canadian Wildlife Service's Web site, the Green Lane (http://www.ec.gc.ca/cws-scf/cites/intro_e.html).

After Residing Abroad

After a stay abroad of more than a year, there are special import provisions for household items and personal belongings when you move back to Canada. Information is contained in the brochure *Moving Back to Canada*. See page 31 for details on how to order this publication.



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Advice for Canadians Travelling Abroad

Various authorities predict that the year 2000 computer problems may cause disruptions that could affect international travel or residency in a foreign country. Transportation, communications, banking, health care, insurance, and government services could be affected, even before the end of 1999. If you are planning to travel outside Canada in the coming months, you should seek authoritative information on whether your travel to, or sojourn in, another country could be affected. Further information can be obtained in the Year 2000 Travel Report at <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca> or by calling **1-800-711-8977** (available only in Canada/U.S.A.) or **(613) 944-3037** in the Ottawa-Hull region.