

When calculating the number of days you are absent, do not include the date you leave Canada, but do include the date you return. Provincial age restrictions apply to alcohol and tobacco products.

Canada imposes special restrictions on a variety of imported goods. They include meat and dairy products, weapons, plants, vehicles and environmentally harmful products, as well as exotic animals and goods based on their exploitation. Check with Canadian customs officials in advance if you plan to import any articles in these categories. 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, nor is it illegal to do so. 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. For more information, refer to the brochure entitled *Crossing the Border With \$10,000 or More?*, published by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA).

Also, be aware that it is forbidden to bring home cultural property whose sale or export is banned or controlled by China. Strict penalties may be imposed, and the cultural property may be confiscated and returned to China. For more information, contact Canadian Heritage (1 800 O-Canada), the Chinese embassy in Ottawa or the nearest Chinese consulate in Canada.

Canadians who have lived abroad for more than one year are entitled to special customs treatment for household and personal items. Details of these provisions are found in the CCRA brochure *Moving Back to Canada*.

If you have any questions about what you can bring back, call the CCRA's information service at 1 800 461-9999 (toll-free in Canada), (204) 983-3500 or (506) 636-5064.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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