

like cheese, meat, animal hides, live birds, plants and fruit. These items may carry pests and diseases, and pose a risk to human health.

Foreign pests and diseases could destroy Canada's crops and forests and wipe out our livestock, thus threatening our ability to produce food and a multi-billion-dollar export trade critical to Canada's economic well-being.

We need to protect our country. Canadian law says you must declare all plant and animal products you bring back. It restricts and prohibits the entry of products that could harm Canada's agriculture and forestry or pose a danger to human health and safety. To enforce these laws, we have Canadian inspectors with dogs trained to sniff out plant and animal products.

Before you leave Canada, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Web site (<http://www.cfia-acia.agr.ca>) or call one of its Import Service Centres (ISC) for more information:

Eastern ISC – 1-888-246-3889

Central ISC – 1-800-835-4486

Western ISC – 1-888-732-6222

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 or more, you may bring back goods worth up to C\$50 without paying duties or taxes. This does not include alcohol and tobacco.

If you have been away from Canada for 48 hours or more, you may bring back goods worth up to C\$200 without paying duties or taxes. These goods can include tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, as described below.

If you have been away from Canada for seven days or more, you may bring back goods worth up to C\$500 without paying duties or taxes. These goods can include tobacco products and alcoholic beverages, as described below. In calculating the number of days you are absent, do not include the date you leave Canada, but include the date you return.



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

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*Protect Canada's fish,
forests and agriculture*
**DON'T BRING
IT BACK**

The illustration shows a customs officer in a white uniform and tie, holding a clipboard and talking on a mobile phone. A dog is sniffing the trunk of a car. A woman is standing by the car, and another person is visible in the background. The scene is set outdoors with a building in the distance.

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