

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS

BRINGING PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS, MEAT, or MEAT PRODUCTS FROM CANADA INTO THE UNITED STATES

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For additional information please refer to www.aphis.usda.gov or www.cbp.gov or contact CBP-Agriculture Inspection at:

Customs & Border Protection Agriculture Inspection
3301 Porter Street
Detroit, Michigan 48126
313-964-3458 OR 313-226-3139 ext. 253

All plants, plant products, meat, meat products, live animals, seeds, nuts, soil, and other agriculture products including food for personal use **MUST BE DECLARED** at the time of entry into the United States. **FAILURE TO DECLARE COULD RESULT IN A MONETARY PENALTY.**

FRESH FRUIT:

- As a general rule, fruit identifiable as grown in the United States or Canada is enterable. Fruit NOT identifiable as grown in the United States or Canada is restricted or prohibited. *The burden of proof of country of origin is on the traveler.*
 - Oranges, mangoes, lemons, rambutans, litchis, grapefruits, longans, limes, and other tropical fruits are not grown in Canada.
 - Citrus grown in Florida and Hawaii is prohibited reentry into the US. Citrus grown in Texas and other states may be allowed entry depending on the final destination of the passenger. Out of season fruit (such as grapes or peaches in January) not of proven US origin will be prohibited.

If the origin of the fruit cannot be verified or is in doubt, it will be prohibited.

FRESH VEGETABLES:

- As a general rule, vegetables identifiable as grown in the United States or Canada are enterable. Vegetables NOT identifiable as grown in the United States or Canada are restricted or prohibited. *The burden of proof of country of origin is on the traveler.*
 - Commercial packaged potatoes from Canada under 50 pounds for personal consumption are enterable.
 - Corn-on-the-Cob is enterable into Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; an original phytosanitary certificate is required if it is going to all other states.
 - All commercially packaged frozen vegetables are enterable.
 - Onions/leeks/shallots/green onions/chives, etc. Only the dried bulbs without green shoots are allowed. Leeks/green onions/chives, etc. now are required to have a Phytosanitary certificate issued by the CFIA for entry into the U.S. This includes produce for personal consumption.

If the origin of the vegetables cannot be verified or is in doubt, they will be prohibited.

SEEDS AND NUTS FOR CONSUMPTION

- Roasted or shelled nuts and seeds of US or Canadian origin are enterable.
- Raw, unshelled, or un-husked nuts of US or Canadian origin are generally enterable.

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PROPAGATIVE MATERIAL (SEEDS, PLANTS, CUTTINGS, NURSERY STOCK)

- **All propagative material requires an ORIGINAL PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE or a YELLOW GREENHOUSE CERTIFICATION STICKER ON THE COMMERCIAL INVOICE.**
- Bamboo and citrus plants are prohibited.
- Orchids, palms, and cacti are restricted and have special requirements due to their endangered species status.
- Additional restrictions or prohibitions are in effect for certain plants including *Malus spp.* (apple), *Rubus spp.* (raspberry), *Vitis spp.* (grape), *Fraxinus spp.* (ash), *Prunus spp.* (stone fruit) as well as many other plant species. Please call CBP-Agriculture Inspection for further information.

Seeds for Planting

- An original Phytosanitary Certificate or Seed Analysis Certificate must accompany all seeds of Canadian origin.
- Seeds not of US or Canadian origin are prohibited without an original Phytosanitary Certificate.

MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS, & MEAT BY-PRODUCTS

- Effective November 19, 2007, personal use amounts of bovine meat or foods containing bovine meat or meat products (e.g., beef including veal or bison) are allowed, no import permit or documentation is required. All pet food from Canada containing bovine products is allowed.
- Lamb and goat meat products/by-products is prohibited from Canada without a CFIA Certificate: this includes pet food.
- Meat, meat products, and meat by-products of other than US or Canadian origin are restricted or prohibited. Please contact CBP-Agriculture Inspection for further information.
- Commercially labeled pork and other non-ruminant Canadian meat and meat products are allowed entry into the United States. Fish and seafood are unrestricted.

OTHER ITEMS OF AGRICULTURE INTEREST

- Christmas trees have specific requirements for entry and are restricted. Trees other than pine require certification. Please contact CBP-Agriculture for further information.
- Basmati rice must be commercially packaged.
- Dried citrus fruit and citrus peel and cut up citrus fruits are prohibited.
- Most commercially packaged dried fruits and vegetables (except citrus) are allowed into Michigan.
- Commercially canned and commercially frozen foods not containing meat are generally enterable.
- Bakery goods without meat (breads, bagels, doughnuts, pies, etc.) are enterable.
- Dairy products produced in Canada without meat are allowed entry into the US.
- **Firewood, wood logs, and/or mulch are restricted.** Please contact CBP-Agriculture for further information.

LIVE ANIMALS

Please contact the Port Veterinarian at 313-226-4428 for further information regarding importations of all live animals. This includes live fish in live wells on fishing boats.

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