Traveling From Another Country

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Travelers entering the United States must declare all agricultural and wildlife products to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials. They will determine whether your products can enter the country after checking to make sure they meet entry requirements and do not harbor harmful foreign pests or diseases. We recommend that you keep receipts and original packaging for agricultural products as proof of their country of origin.

Know What You CAN and CANNOT Bring into the United States

If there is something special you want to bring with you from another country, you'll need to plan ahead. Get specific guidance by choosing from the types of items below.

As long as you declare all agricultural products to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials, you will not face any penalties—even if an inspector determines that the items cannot enter the country.

What Do You Want To Bring into the United States?

Meat, Poultry, and Seafood



Fruits and Vegetables



Plants, Plant Parts, Cut Flowers, and Seeds



Coffee, Tea, Honey, Nuts, and Spices



Soil, Peat, Sand, Clay, Rocks, and Stones



Dairy and Egg Products



Souvenirs



Musical Instruments



Pets



Need Help?

Plants and Plant Products

Plants and plant products can include fruits, vegetables, plant parts, seeds, soil, and souvenirs made from wood or plants. If you have questions about whether a particular plant or plant product can be brought into the United States, contact USDA’s Plant Permits team.

For general questions:

Plant Permits Team

Email: plantproducts.permits@usda.gov

Phone: 877-770-5990

Animal Products

Animal products can include meat, milk, dairy, and eggs. If you have questions about whether a particular animal product can be brought into the United States, contact USDA’s Animal Product Import and Export team.

For general requests, such as permit applications and import requirements:

Animal Product Import and Export Team

Email: apie@usda.gov

Phone: 301-851-3300

Note:

Email is preferred.

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