

GUIDELINES
FOR
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
FROM CANADA INTO THE UNITED STATES

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This information is to be used as a guideline for bringing fruits, vegetables, plants, and animal products from Canada for personal consumption only.

MEAT: A personal consumption quantity of **Canadian-origin** meat under 50 pounds is allowed with the following restrictions:

Raw chicken products from the provinces of British Columbia or Ontario are prohibited due to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

Beef (includes bison* and veal), **Pork, Chicken (except raw from BC or Ontario), or Seafood**: for personal use is allowed.

Domestic Lamb and Goat Meat: Domestic Sheep, Lamb or Goat meat are **PROHIBITED**.

Commercial packaged Elk*, Deer*, Caribou*, or Moose* is **ALLOWED**.

Hunter-harvested WILD BIRDS* are allowed entry from all provinces. Wild Bird sausage, jerky, or other wild bird products are prohibited.

Hunter-harvested WILD or GAME FARM Bison*, Buffalo*, Yak*, Elk*, Deer*, Caribou*, Moose*, Mountain Goats*, Mountain Sheep*, or Musk Ox*:

ALLOWED with original or copy of valid hunting license or game farm export permit or other document verifying legal harvest, such as sales receipt or letter from game farm.

[If Bison, Buffalo, Yak, Musk Ox, Sheep, or Goat then must be free of intact head or head parts (brain, eyes, tongue) and viscera (heart, intestines, kidney, liver, lymph nodes, pancreas, thymus).]

****ALL US Fish & Wildlife requirements must be met.***

PET FOOD

- Pet food manufactured in Canada or the U.S. containing beef, bison, buffalo, poultry, or seafood is allowed.
- Pet food manufactured in Canada containing lamb or goat is prohibited. Pet food manufactured in the U.S. containing lamb or goat is allowed.
- Pet food must be in its ORIGINAL container. The original packaging can be opened if the pet is present. If the pet is not present the original packaging must be unopened. Maximum quantity allowed is 50 pounds.

RICE, SOYBEANS, CHICKPEAS, and SAFFLOWER SEEDS: Prohibited from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burma (Myanmar), Cyprus, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Upper Volta (Burkina Faso).

FIREWOOD: Firewood must be accompanied by a certificate of heat treatment. Importers arriving at ports of entry without a heat treatment certificate for their Canadian origin firewood will be required to return to Canada to dispose of their firewood. Wood that has been planed and sawed, to be used as firewood, does not require a heat treatment certificate.

FRESH FRUIT

- Bananas: allowed from all of the Americas.
- All Citrus is **PROHIBITED**. This includes: oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit, and pummelo
- Melons (including cantaloupe, watermelon, honeydew and other varieties): allowed.
- All other fruit must be of proven Canadian or U.S. origin. Examples of proof of origin include: (1) apples with attached B.C. or Washington stickers (or stickers from other U.S. states or Canadian provinces); (2) fresh fruit in bags with the words Produce of USA or Grown in Canada (or similar wording); (3) 'in-season' Canadian fruit, such as apples, pears, grapes, nectarines, peaches, plums etc. produced in the fruit-growing regions of British Columbia or other provinces that may have been purchased at a road-side fruit stand. Proof of origin may include a sales receipt for locally grown fruit. Additional questioning may be needed to confirm fruit was grown by an individual (backyard and garden fruit).

FRESH VEGETABLES

- Corn-on-the-cob: Corn grown in British Columbia is allowed regardless of destination. Corn grown in all other provinces, including "Taber" corn, is allowed only to States OTHER THAN Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, or Washington (unless accompanied by phytosanitary certificate).
- Potatoes: Must be free from soil and commercially packaged. May not exceed 50 pounds.
Home-grown, backyard or garden grown potatoes are PROHIBITED.
- No fresh, green onions, leeks, or chives. All other root crop plants (carrots, radishes, turnips, rutabagas) must be clean and free of soil.
- Tomatoes and peppers are **PROHIBITED**, unless cut up OR proven U.S. origin.
- Other vegetables grown in Canada or the U.S. are allowed.

PLANTS

All plants (including houseplants, bedding plants, or trees from Canada) require a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). (This requirement does not apply to houseplants transiting Canada from Alaska).

WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE ASK MORE QUESTIONS, READ LABELS, OR CONTACT AQI OFFICERS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: AQI officers are available 0600-2200 hours, 7 days a week.

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