

Declaration Prevents Delays and Fines

Under the Customs Law it is illegal to smuggle any restricted items into the Cayman Islands.

When You Travel..... List all plant, animal, or their products that you are bringing back with you on your customs declaration form.

Don't be caught..

Detector dog and low energy X-ray Machine are at the ports of entry to reveal any hidden items.





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Travellers' Tips

On Bringing Agricultural Products into the Cayman Islands



Be Aware & Declare

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A Message for Travellers

The Cayman Islands Plant
Protection Act and the Animals Law
require that an import permit must
be obtained from the Cayman
Islands Department of Agriculture
(DoA) in order to import any plant,
animal and their products.

Live plants, animals or any item made from material of plant or animal origin, poses a high risk for the introduction of devastating quarantine pests into the Cayman Islands. Pests that could adversely impact agricultural crops, horticulture, livestock, pets and the environment of our islands.

If you DO NOT have an import permit DO NOT bring these agricultural items in your luggage. They could be harbouring pests.

Yes.... Quantity Matters

Some of the most devastating pests are those that go undetected by the naked eye. The introduction, establishment and spread of a quarantine pests into a country can damage the economy and cost consumers and farmers dearly. Even a single incident can be devastating!

Live Animals and Birds

Live animals and birds can enter the Cayman Islands from **approved** countries BUT the importer must be in possession of a valid Animal Import Permit from DoA, a Health Certification and is subjected to inspection at the port of entry: this applies to; animals entering permanently, in transit to another destination or for a temporary visit.

Live animals are prohibited from: Asia, Africa, South and Central America.

Meats and Animal Products

Seek permission from DOA before importing meat and animal products.

The Animals Law and Regulation restrict the entry of fresh, or processed meats from countries in Asia, Africa, South America and some regional countries such as Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

Game meats, trophies, hides, hair and feathers may be imported but must be accompanied by an Import Permit from DOA, and meet all regulated conditions.

Plants and Plant Products

The Plant Protection Act (2023) restricts the importation of plants into the Cayman Islands without a Plant Import Permit.

Under the Law "plant" is described as any growing plant, cutting, bud, graft, bulb, root, seed, fruit or vegetable intended for consumption or propagation.

Therefore, when you plan your travel, if you wish to bring back any of these products into the Cayman Islands, contact the Department of Agriculture ciagricultureimports@gov.ky, to request a copy of the conditions for importing plants and plant products and be guided by the document as you complete your application for a Plant Import Permit. If the items are allowed in your checked luggage YOU MUST DECLARE ALL ITEMS on arrival and present your Import Permit to the Customs & Border Control Officer to request an inspection.

Soil

Soil can contain numerous noxious weed seeds, as well as the life stages of destructive, microscopic, animal and plant pests, therefore, **the importation of soil is prohibited.**

Shoes and clothing that were worn on a farm or ranch and have mingled with soil should be cleaned thoroughly before travelling.

Biological Agents

The Department of Agriculture is the sole importer of bio-agents, such as: live ladybugs, parasitic wasps, lacewings, cells and cultures.

However, the DoA will facilitate the importation of bio-agents on behalf of an importer after receiving a written import application. An Animal Import Permit will be issued only after a full risk assessment is con-ducted and it is determined that the bio-agent will pose only negligible quarantine risk to the flora and fauna of the Cayman Islands.

CITES

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) restrictions are enforced for protected plant and animal species.

What You Can Bring:

- <u>Fully cooked or commercially packaged, selected meat products</u>. Up to 5kg are allowed for personal use, from some countries such as USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, CARICOM States, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua (boneless only).
- Pork products are allowed from the UK and the European Union countries. Products must be in the original packages that display the inspection logo or accompanied by a Certificate of Wholesomeness issued by the relevant meat inspection authority of the country.
- <u>Cooked or frozen seafood</u> of up to 20lbs are allowed for personal consumption, providing that there is proof of purchase and/or inspection.
- Commercially processed and packaged condiments, e.g. spices, teas, and coffee, are allowed importation. Processed or canned fruits and vegetables, cheese and butter, as well as thoroughly cooked boneless meat packaged in hermetically sealed cans are allowed importation.

The above does not constitute a comprehensive list. Pleas contact the Department of Agriculture about what you want import.