

# Reference Table for Customs Personnel Regarding Quarantine Regulations on Common Animals and Plants Carried by Inbound Travelers

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Notice:

1. This reference table is not a complete list of all animals and plants that inbound travelers could possibly bring with them. Check with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture (APHIA) to confirm whether an animal or plant product that is not included in the table must be declared and quarantined.

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2. Refer to the latest announcement on the current version of pandemic or quarantine regulations.
3. Travelers bringing in animals, animal products, plants, and plant products that are of concern to food safety, customs, or endangered animals should contact relevant authorities.
4. Travelers who bring in animals, animal products, or plants, and plant products can voluntarily dispose of them in the quarantine bin set by APHIA at the corridor and arrival hall of the airport. If travelers have relevant certificates ready (e.g. quarantine certificate of the export country), they must fill out the customs declaration form in detail and proceed to the customs declaration counter (indicated with red lines) to go through the inspection process.
5. The maximum amount of items travelers are allowed to bring is specified in the “Table of Quantity Limit for Inbound Travelers Carrying Personal Livestock, Aquatic Products, Tobacco and Alcohol, Items from Mainland China”, as well as “Medicine, Environmental and Animal Drugs for Personal Use.” For more details, dial the free service number 008-311085 to contact Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance.
6. Travelers bringing in plants or plant products who fail to declare as required will be fined between NT\$3,000 and NT\$15,000. Travelers bringing in animals or

animal products who fail to declare as required will be fined between NT\$10,000 and NT\$1,000,000.

## Reference Table for Quarantine Regulations on Animals or Animal Products Carried by Inbound Travelers

<b>Reference Table for Animal Quarantine Declaration</b>	
<b>Entry is prohibited without an export country animal quarantine certificate or if quarantine is deemed unqualified.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Live animals, including terrestrial animals, fish, shrimps, and other aquatic animals (refer to notes)</li> <li>2. Animal oocytes, sperm, and embryos</li> <li>3. Animal meat: (fresh, chilled, frozen, and vacuum-packed) beef, mutton, deer, pork, horse, donkey, mule, chicken, duck, goose, turkey, pigeon, quail, rat, kangaroo, etc.</li> <li>4. Processed (including vacuum-packed) meat:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Dried or pickled meet, such as jerky, dried meat floss, ravioli or wonton skin made from meat, pickled meat, sausage, bacon, hot dog, ham, ham sausage, duck kidney, chicken wing, chicken feet, etc.</li> <li>(2) Meat-filled products: rice dumplings, meat buns, meat rolls, meat balls, dumplings, pizza, mooncakes, almond cakes, chicken cakes, sandwiches, hamburgers, meat floss egg rolls, meat floss shrimp cakes, in-flight meals or meal boxes, etc.</li> <li>(3) Liquid soup containing meat, meat-filled noodles, etc. Products with meat that can be clearly identified as containing meat, meat products (such as meat pieces, ground meat, ham, bacon, jerky, dried meat floss, etc.)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Eggs (egg products):               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Fresh and processed chicken eggs, duck eggs, goose eggs, preserved eggs, raw salted eggs, etc. (except boiled eggs carried by <b>passengers</b>, with completely solidified egg yolk and egg white, clean surface and free of dirt, ash, or other substances.)</li> <li>(2) Embryo eggs such as duck eggs, etc. are prohibited regardless of whether they are cooked or not</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Animal feed: pet food containing animal ingredients (e.g. beef, mutton, pork, poultry, and egg) for dogs or cats, (e.g. dry food, canned beef, snacks, and health food), animal hide products as pet chew treats (such as beef bones), other formulated animal feed, etc.</li> <li>7. Fresh milk and dairy</li> <li>8. Animal blood, animal serum, animal vaccines, animal pathogens, animal source specimens, biological agents from animals (except for non-infectious biological agents)</li> <li>9. Animal bones, horns, teeth, claws, and hoof products (except for</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Travelers can only bring pets, namely dogs, cats, and rabbits.</b>                (1) <b>Notice to arriving passengers bringing in pets, namely dogs, cats, and rabbits :</b>                Complete a customs declaration form from the APHIA to have quarantine facility arranged (no post-entry quarantine required for dogs and cats coming from rabies-free countries.)                (2) When arriving at the harbor or airport, present to the declaration counter staff the certificate of animal quarantine issued by export country,</li> </ol>

<p>processed items such as polished products, painted products, etc.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Fresh, dried, and salt-cured animal hide (except for processed tanned animal hide)</li> <li>11. Unrefined animal fat</li> <li>12. Raw and unprocessed edible bird's nest (bird's nest containing blood, feather, stool, and other contaminants)</li> <li>13. Fish products: fresh, frozen, and refrigerated salmon, trout, bass, carp, catfish, and so forth in which all of the abovementioned fish are not completely eviscerated</li> <li>14. Animal products with soil particles attached</li> <li>15. Herbal medicine ingredients: (fresh, dried, or ground to powdered) cow bezoar, chicken's gizzard skin, musk, antler, animal penile spine, bear gallbladder, etc. (excluding commercially marketed and packaged medicinal products such as tablets and capsules)</li> <li>16. Organic fertilizer containing animal ingredients</li> </ol>	<p>Quarantine Agreement, sea or air transport withdrawal form, and customs declaration form.</p> <p>(3) Rabbits, dogs and cats coming from high-rabies countries must undergo a 7-day quarantine.</p>
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## Reference Table for Inspection Regulations on Common Animal Products Carried by Inbound Travelers

### Items Exempt from Declaration

1. Long-life milk, formula, and cheese
2. Ultra-high temperature sterilized canned food for human consumption (tin can or soft can packaging; must comply with regulations of the Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare)
3. Biscuits, cakes, breads and other food products that do not contain meat ingredients
4. Canned food that do not contain beef ingredients for dogs and cats; dog and cat food containing dairy products or water as ingredients but no other animal ingredients (Items must have labels with detailed information or description of manufacturer as a reference for quarantine staff to determine compliance.)
5. Animal products containing animal horns, bones, teeth, claws, or hoofs that were polished, painted, or underwent other processes. (Items that contain bone marrow, horn, tooth, stool, hide patches, blood, or other contaminants are prohibited.)
6. Animal feather or fur products that were dyed or underwent other processes, or animal hide products that were tanned or underwent other processes
7. Refined animal fat for human consumption
8. Nest products and their ultra-high temperature canned products that after being cleaned, are then re-solidified and dried or reheated into porridge form
9. Aquatic products that underwent drying, pickling, or cooking, and other eviscerated fish products
10. Instant noodles, instant porridge, soups in solid or powder form

# Reference Table for Quarantine Regulations on Common Plants or Plant Products Carried by Inbound Travelers

## Plant and Plant Products

### Prohibited Items

1. **Soil and plants, plant products, or other items with soil particles attached**
2. **Fresh fruits (e.g. fruits, melons, betel nuts, etc.)**
3. **Harmful organisms or live insects:** such as pathogenic microorganisms, locusts, beetles, rhinoceros beetles, stag beetles, etc.
4. **Host plants and by-products coming from infected areas where importation are prohibited:** such as citrus, bananas, palm trees, live orchids and ornamental pineapples, potted plants, bamboo shoots, ginger, lotus root, sweet potato, yam, taro, banana leaves, pear scions, betel nuts, raw in-shell peanuts, plant branches with tree bark, wood, etc.

**Please refer to Part A “Prohibited Plants or Plant Products for Import” of the “Quarantine Regulations for Imported or Plant Products in the Republic of China”**

### Items Exempted from Quarantine

1. **Processed dried plant products:** dried fruits (such as raisins, dried logan, and dried dates), dried mushrooms, dried traditional Chinese medicine ingredients without seeds, dried vegetables, dried flower, and dried plant spices
2. **Processed or complete plant products:** canned products (canned fruits, jams, etc.), pickled or processed products (honeyed fruits, pickles, and kimchi, except for pickled ginger), roasted products (nuts, peanuts, tea leaves, coffee beans)
3. **Dried ground or crushed plant products:** ground spices (such as chili powder, pepper powder, fennel powder, etc.), Chinese medicine powder, grain and bean powder
4. **Low-risk wood or manufactured products:** agarwood powder, brooms and brushes made from plant materials, wood chips, other plywood created using glue, heat or pressure or other sawdust waste compressed products

### Items Requiring Quarantine

1. **When importing the following products, travelers must proceed to the quarantine counter to apply (quarantine documents are not necessary) and may only be allowed entry after inspection confirms the products are compliant:** dried plant products (with seeds removed) such as rice (e.g. brown rice and milled rice), etc.
2. **Traveler is only allowed entry after the item is presented with a quarantine certificate and declared to the quarantine counter to complete the process:** fresh vegetables (without roots or fruits), fresh edible mushrooms, nuts, other spices, and seeds of twenty types of traditional Chinese medicine ingredients including fennel,

hemp, lentils, coriander, ginkgo nuts with shell, flaxseed, basil, fenugreek, burdock, Chinese chives, cassia, yellow mustard, cumin, dodder, belvedere fruit, plantain seed, radish, white mustard, chia seed, and winter melon, as well as growing media such peat moss and coconut fiber, and unpainted wooden products

**3. Before bringing the following products, please check if the product is included in the approved import list. If the item is not listed, you must apply for a first-time import risk assessment at the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture. The item can only be imported after these received approval and comply with quarantine requirements. If it is included in the list, handling must be done in accordance with the quarantine certificate and the item must be declared at the quarantine counter. Only after completing the quarantine process can the item be brought into the country.**

- (1) **Live plants:** potted orchids, succulents, tissue culture (flasked seedlings), potted plants, or unrooted plants, etc.
- (2) **Fresh vegetables (with roots or fruits):** shallot , garlic, carrots, radishes, yams, legume pods, bell peppers, etc.
- (3) **Fresh flowers and branches:** orchids, chrysanthemums, jasmine, rose bouquets, wreaths, carnations, etc.
- (4) **Flower bulbs:** tulips, lilies, Amaryllis, Hyacinthus, daffodils, Chinese lantern lily, etc.
- (5) **Seeds:** vegetable (such as red beans, green beans), flower, cereal, rice, fruit tree, spices (such as fennel seeds, cumin seeds, etc.), chia seed, quinoa, birdseed, etc.
- (6) **Other products:** fresh ginseng, pollen (for pollination), etc.

**4. Before importing the following seedlings or branches, you must apply for post-entry quarantine from APHIA and may only import after obtaining approval. When importing these items, you must present relevant documents for plant declaration at the quarantine counter and post-entry quarantine:** rose (such as rose seedlings), prunus spp.(such as cherry blossom seedlings), pear, mulberry, papaya, strawberry, apple, passion fruit, grape, guava, mango, lychee, logan, sugarcane, tea, pineapple, banana, orange, and tangerine