

TICK YES ON YOUR INCOMING PASSENGER CARD

Before landing in Australia passengers are given an Incoming Passenger Card to fill in. This is a legal document. You must tick **YES** to declare if you are carrying any **food, plant material or animal products**. If you have items you don't wish to declare, you can dispose of them in quarantine bins in the airport terminal.

Every piece of luggage is now x-rayed or screened. If you fail to declare or dispose of any quarantine items, or make a false declaration:

- **you will get caught;**
- **you could be fined over \$200 on-the-spot; or**
- **you could be prosecuted and fined up to \$60,000 and risk 10 years imprisonment.**

WHAT HAPPENS TO ITEMS I DECLARE?

Prohibited items will be seized and destroyed by AQIS. In many cases the goods you declare will be returned to you after inspection. However, any item that presents a disease risk or is found to contain insects or larvae will be withheld. You will be given a range of options for the item depending on the quarantine risk:

- treating the item to make it safe (for example fumigation, irradiation)*;
- holding the item until an import permit is presented*;
- storing the item at the airport for collection when you leave Australia*;
- re-exporting the item*;
- and
- destroying the item.

AQIS makes every effort to minimise the risk of damage but does not accept liability for damage that may occur as a result of treatment.

*These treatments are subject to fees.

QUARANTINE DETECTOR DOGS

You may see a quarantine detector dog at the baggage carousel. They're screening luggage for food, plant material or animal products of quarantine concern. If you see a detector dog working close to you, please place your bags on the floor for inspection. Sometimes dogs will sit next to your bag if it sniffs a target odour. Sometimes dogs will detect odours left from food you have had in the bag previously. A quarantine officer may ask about the contents of your bag and check you are not carrying items that present a quarantine risk to Australia.



MORE INFORMATION

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For information about endangered species laws visit www.cites.org

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NATURE MADE AUSTRALIA UNIQUE - QUARANTINE KEEPS IT THAT WAY

Australia's remoteness created an environment unlike any other on Earth. Quarantine helps protect it. Food, plant material and animal products from overseas - including many common souvenirs - could introduce some of the world's most serious pests and diseases into Australia, devastating our valuable agriculture and tourism industries and unique environment.

DECLARE OR BEWARE

You must declare for inspection all food, plant material and animal products on arrival in Australia to ensure they are free of pests and diseases.

Some products may require TREATMENT to make them safe.

Items PROHIBITED due to pest and disease risks will be seized and destroyed by AQIS. You can dispose of prohibited items in quarantine bins in the airport terminal.

If you're not sure, ask a quarantine officer.



Goods that must be **declared**

These items must be declared and inspected for signs of insects or disease. Some items may require treatment before being allowed in.



Plant material



Animal products



Sporting goods

FOOD

- Cooked and raw food and ingredients
- Dried fruit and vegetables
- Noodles and rice
- Packaged meals including airline food
- Herbs and spices
- Herbal and traditional medicines, remedies, tonics and herbal teas
- Snack foods
- Biscuits, cakes and confectionery
- Tea, coffee and other milk-based beverages

ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- Feathers, bones, horns and tusks (must be clean and free of any tissue)
- Skins, hides, and furs (rawhide including drums, shields and dog chews are prohibited)
- Wool and animal hair (includes fleece, yarn, and craft items)
- Stuffed animals and birds (taxidermy certificate required. Some may be prohibited under endangered species laws)
- Shells and coral (including jewellery, curios and souvenirs)
- Bee products including pollen, beeswax and honeycomb
- Used animal equipment including veterinary equipment and medicines, shearing or meat trade tools, saddlery and tack and animal or bird cages
- Pet food is prohibited

PLANT MATERIAL

- Wooden articles and carvings including painted or lacquered items (bark is prohibited and will be removed or require treatment)
- Artefacts, handicrafts and curios made from plant material
- Mats, bags and other items made from plant material, palm fronds or leaves (goods made from banana plants are prohibited)
- Straw products and packaging
- Bamboo, cane or rattan basket ware and furnishings
- Pot pourri and coconut shells
- Goods containing cereal grain, corn husks or filled with seeds
- Christmas decorations, wreaths and ornaments (pine cones are prohibited)
- Dried flowers and arrangements
- Fresh flowers and leis (flowers that can be grown from stems such as roses, carnations and chrysanthemums are prohibited)

OTHER GOODS

- Craft and hobby lines made from animal or plant material
- Sporting and camping equipment including tents, footwear, hiking boots, golf equipment, bicycles and fishing equipment
- Footwear, clothing and any items used in rural areas or carrying contamination from soil, faeces or plant material

Goods that are **prohibited**

These items are prohibited and will be seized and destroyed by AQIS. Or you can drop them in the quarantine bins at the airport.



Dairy and egg products



Uncanned meat products



Live animals



Fresh fruit or vegetables



Seeds and nuts



Live plants

EGGS AND EGG PRODUCTS

- All whole, dried and powdered egg, and egg products that contain more than 10% egg as an ingredient, such as mayonnaise

DAIRY PRODUCTS

- All dairy products (unless from a country listed as foot and mouth free). Whole and dried products that contain more than 10% dairy product as an ingredient. Infant formula accompanying a child and New Zealand dairy products are allowed

UNCANNED MEAT PRODUCTS

- All animal species - fresh, dried, frozen, cooked, smoked, salted or preserved meat, including salami and sausages

LIVE ANIMALS

- All mammals, birds, birds' eggs, and nests, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects

LIVE PLANTS

- All potted/bare rooted plants, cuttings, roots, bulbs, corms, rhizomes, stems and other viable plant material

SEEDS AND NUTS

- Cereal grains, popping corn, raw nuts, chestnuts, pine cones, birdseed, unidentified seeds, and some commercially packaged seeds and seed ornaments

FRESH FRUIT OR VEGETABLES

- All fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables