

## **NON- COMMERCIAL/ PERSONAL IMPORTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND ANIMAL RELATED PRODUCTS THROUGH THE AIRPORT, SEAPORT AND COURIER SERVICES**

**ALL LIVE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN ARE SUBJECT TO VETERINARY CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT OF 1948.**

Travellers are required by law to declare **ALL** products of animal origin. All products of animal origin **SHOULD** be declared on Jamaica **Customs C5 Declaration Form, section 13(a)**.

PERSONAL/ NON-COMMERCIAL imports of animal products include food (raw or processed meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, and fishery products), feathers and other animal related products (pet food, feed and feed supplements, veterinary medicinal products) for personal consumption or use up to 45kgs.

**Restriction on what food items you are allowed to bring into Jamaica varies, depending on the product AND the country of origin.**

**THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY BE ADJUSTED AT ANY TIME AS DISEASE SITUATIONS CHANGE.**

### **CURRENT PROHIBITIONS**

- The importation of honey and by-products thereof is strictly prohibited.
- The importation of pork and pork products (excluding in hermetically sealed cans/ tins) from the USA is strictly prohibited.
- **Live or processed CONCH and LOBSTER is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

## **ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR ENTRY INTO JAMAICA FOR WHICH A VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED**

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTED WITHOUT A PERMIT WILL BE CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED: RAW / FROZEN, COOKED AND PERSONALLY COOKED MEAT (MEAT PREPARED AT HOME) INCLUDING POULTRY, BEEF, CHEVRON, LAMB, MUTTON, GAME MEAT AND SEAFOOD; MEAT IN HERMETICALLY SEALED TINS; PET FOOD; MILK AND CHEESE.**

**THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF FOOD WOULD REQUIRE A VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT FOR DOMESTIC / PERSONAL CONSUMPTION FOR UP TO 45KG.**

**Please note all imported products should be maintained in their original packaging bearing the relevant seal or stamp.**

- **Fish and fishery products** – Includes **ALL** wild-caught retail or whole sale fish and processed fish (salted fish, herring and mackerel) shrimp, clam, mussels, oysters etc. Please note that **ALL** wild caught, retail or wholesale fish should be scaled and eviscerated.
- **Travellers are allowed a maximum weight of 10kg or 20lbs per person of SALTED FISH (COD/POLLOCK/ HERRING / MACKERAL) and COOKED FISH (including fried fish) WITHOUT a veterinary import permit.**
- **Meat and poultry** (including cooked and frozen uncooked meats ( beef, pork, lamb, chevron, game birds) These items should adhere to the following:
  - Maximum weight of up to 45kgs
  - Products **MUST** be maintained in their **ORIGINAL PACKAGING** bearing seal or stamp of competent authority indicating what the product is. Proof of country of origin is required.
  - Products identified as prepared cooked meals from home should be thoroughly cooked and should be packaged in clear or transparent packaging and readily identifiable.

- **ALL meat and poultry in hermetically sealed tin** (including corned beef, spam etc.)
  - Products **MUST** be maintained in their **ORIGINAL PACKAGING** bearing seal or stamp of competent authority indicating what the product is. Proof of country of origin is required.
  
- **Pasteurised MILK and CHEESE.** These items should adhere to the following:
  - These items have a maximum weight limit of up to 45kgs per person
  - These items should **NOT** contain meat
  - These items should be maintained in their original packaging and sealed.
  - Proof of country of origin may be required.
  
- **Pet food** (These items have a maximum weight limit of up to 45kgs per person and **MUST** be in the **ORIGINAL PACKAGING** indicating what the product is and proof of country of origin)

**FOODS ALLOWED FOR PERSONAL USE NOT REQUIRING A VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT.**

**(Please note all items are still subject to veterinary inspection)**

- **Baked goods, chocolate, candies, cereals, and other confectionary and snacks (including cakes, donuts, biscuits, crackers, cookies, granola bars, other baked and processed products)**
- Dry mixes containing dairy and egg ingredients [such as baking mixes, cocoa mixes, drink mixes, instant cake mixes, instant pudding mixes, liquid drink mixes containing reconstituted dry milk or dry milk products] commercially labelled and presented in final finished packaging. (These items have a maximum weight limit of up to 45kgs per person and should **NOT** contain meat)
- Condiments such as ketchup (catsup), mustard, mayonnaise, and other prepared sauces that do not contain meat products.
- **All canned fish (hermetically sealed tinned mackerel, sardine, herring, trout etc.)**

- **Nutritional beverages (hermetically sealed in can or otherwise including ensure pediasure, glucerna etc.)**
- **Infant formula.** These items should adhere to the following:
  - Commercially packaged and sealed
  - Milk based or non-milk based (milk/ liquid) formula
  - For personal use up to a maximum of 45kgs per person

**A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

**ALL LIVE ANIMALS-** including all domestic and exotic species, service animals, hatching eggs, semen, embryos and germplasms require a Veterinary Import Permit under the law (The Animals(Diseases and Importation Act) 1948 – link [www.moatrade.gov.jm](http://www.moatrade.gov.jm)

- Restrictions/ Prohibitions on live animals vary, depending on the specie **AND** the country of origin. In most cases a risk evaluation is required and does not guarantee approval of application or request.
- **CITES** is required for protected items or endangered species

**ORNAMENTAL FISH-** a permit is required for **ALL** quantities of ornamental fish regardless of country of origin. A permit from the Fisheries Division, MICAF is also required.

**VETERINARY DRUGS-** a Veterinary Import Permit is required for all domestic imports of veterinary drugs, biologicals and nutraceuticals. A letter from a registered veterinarian licensed to practice in Jamaica should be submitted with the application for import.

**FEATHERS, TAXIDERMY, SEA SHELLS OR SAND—(CITES IS REQUIRED FOR PROTECTED ITEMS OR ENDANGERED SPECIE.** Please contact **NEPA-** The National Environment and Planning Agency)